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TRANSCRIPT

Augustus Lawrence.
Journal of a voyage to the South Pacific
in the ship Milton of New Bedford

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Crew of ship Milton, when she left home

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Captain	Sylvanus B Potter	of	New Bedford, Mass	3	0
1st Mate	Robert J Conolly	"	Burlington Vt.		1
2nd "	Augustus Lawrence	"	Falmouth Mass.		2
3rd "	Joseph Nicholas	"	Flores, western Islands		3
4th "	Manuel Viera	"	St George " "		4
Cooper	Robert Gibbe	"	England		5
Boatstrs	Joseph Chase	"	New Bedford		6
Boatstrs	Albins Roderigue	"	Brava C.V.I.		7
Boatstrs	Manuel Silva	"	Mayo C.V.I.		8
Boatstrs	Juan Pina	"	Brava C.V.I.		9
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Steward	Manuel Silva	"	Brava C.V.I.		11
Cook	James McKenzie				12
Foremasthands	Manuel Batista		Brava C.V.I.		13
Foremasthands	John Gomes		Fogo C.V.I.		14
Foremasthands	Edward Fitzgerald				15
Foremasthands	Sebastian Pas		Fogo		16
Foremasthands	Juan Ferrera		Fayal, W.I.		17
Foremasthands	Henrique Fishera		Fogo		18
Foremasthands	Jose Silva		Fayal		19
Foremasthands	Antoine Silva, (Prusshine)		Fogo		20
Foremasthands	Josino Perez	"			21
Foremasthands	Manuel Pena(.Jack Smoke)	"			22
Foremasthands	Manuel Pena, (Faustine)	"			23
Foremasthands	Severino Lobo . (Green)	"			24
Foremasthands	Solomon Gomes (Sullivan)		Fogo		25
Foremasthands	Manuel Rosa		Fayal,		26
Foremasthands	Severino Lomba		Fogo		27
Foremasthands	Jules Perez		"		28
Foremasthands	Josino Perez				29
Foremasthands	Paul Joaquin		Fayal		30
Foremasthands	Catano de Pinna		Fogo		31
Foremasthands	Manuel Miguel Lopes				32
Foremasthands	Jose Lopes				33
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Deserted at Flores. Aug 6th 1885

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Shipped 3rd mate at Fayal Sept 2nd 1885

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Died at sea. Feb 1st 1887 Lat 31°55'S Long 176°07'E

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Shipped 4th mate at Russell April 1886

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Died at sea. Feb 5th 1886

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Shipped steward at Russell April 1886

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" boatsteerer " " "

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Deserted at Russell June 1888

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Deserted at Russell Oct 7 1886

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Shipped cook homeward bound

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Discharged sick at Russell N. Z. March 1889

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Deserted in May 1888

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Deserted in June 1888

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Shipped cook at Russell Apr 1886

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Discharged at Russell June 1887

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Ran away and was caught and put in forecastle, June 1887

Discharged at Russell B.O.I. N.Z. 1888

	Men shipped on the voyage	
1877	at Norfolk Island	
Feb	Joseph (Quintal)	.boat header for 2 Months.
"	Christian McCay	foremasthand
"	John Adams	"
"	Fred Yuger	boatsteerer
	At Russell	
June	William Cook	4th mate
Left	At Norfolk Island Hudson Evans, boatsteerer	
1888		
June	At Russell, shipped Hassam Bey, Arab	
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	Edward Prior	

Shipped at Russell June 1887 Andrew Hafner
 " " " " " William _____

Discharged April 1877
Discharged at Russel March 1889
Deserted at Norfolk Island Sept 1888
Staid ashore at Norfolk Island September 1887

Discharged March 1889
Discharged January 1888

Discharged at Russel March 1889

Cooper, a native of Germany, discharged March 1889

Cook	England	“	“	“
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Journal of a whaling voyage in the ship
Milton of New Bedford. Kept by the undersigned
Augustus Lawrence

June

- 9 Tuesday Took our anchor at 10 A. M. and was towed out by the tug Nellie. She dropped us off the Sow and Pigs light boat. quite a large company sailed out in the ship and after eating lunch on board, returned to the shore in the Nellie
- 10 Wednesday, Commenced with strong breeze from the westward, the pilot left about 1 P M and we shaped our course SSE under all sail at sunset land was out of sight astern latter part breeze light from SW. to NW commenced, rigging the boat & etc
- 11 Thursday Lat 40° - 8' N Long 69° 42' W Light winds through the day. From SE to SW. stood on both tacks. Boats are ready for whales when we see them. Did sundry odd jobs incident to the first week a whaling voyage stood mastheads, saw square head grampuses
- 12 Friday Lat 39° 30' N Long 68° 27' W. Light breeze from SSE ship on port tack all day. all hands at work, one sail, a brig in sight
- 13 Saturday. Lat 39° 05' N Long 67° 19' W.
- 14 Sunday Lat 38° 17' N Long 67° 10' W.
- 15 Monday Lat 38° 20' N Long 64° 43' W Chose boat crews. steering to the SE wind W.
- 16 Tuesday. Lat 37° 30' N Long 60° 06' W. Light hazy weather from the westward. course S. E.
- 19 Friday Lat 36° 03' N Long 55° 32' W. Light breezes from the south steering E by S. in the day watch lowered the boats to exercise crews
- 24 Wednesday Lat 36° 50' N Long 45° 50' W. Splendid weather. Steering to the eastward. Everything ready for whales. saw humpbacks in the _____
- 26 Friday Lat 36° 00' N Long 42° 15' W. Weather fine from S W, engaged in breaking out stores
- 28 Sunday Lat 36° 40' N Long 41° 30' W. Fine weather. wind S. Ship on starboard tack at 5 1/2 P M saw spouts on weather bow, saw them one rising did not find out what they were

On Western Ground

June

30

Tuesday Lat 39° 00' N Long 39° 30' W
Strong breeze with occasional squalls from S E
ship on starboard tack, saw finbacks

July

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Wednesday. strong breeze from S.S.E squally
ship on starboard tack until 7 A.M. after-
ward on port tack, Lat 39° 54' N Long 38° 24' W

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Thursday Lat 40° 03' N Long 38° 20' W.

First part strong breeze from S.S.E
latter part half a gale from S. raining
ship on port tack all day

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Friday, Early part half a gale, from the S.
moderate during the night with fog, latter
part blowing a gale from the east. Ship on
the starboard tack, a small vessel in sight
to windward that looks like a sloop

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Saturday. First part strong, latter part light
no observation, no celebration

5

Sunday, Light breezes from all
quarters, with fog squalls

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Monday. Lat 39° 10' N Long 38° 43' W.
Fair weather during P. M. Wind W, ship on
port tack, middle part strong breeze from
N with light rain ship on starboard tack
latter part. steered S.W. at 1 1/2 P M
caught a loggerhead turtle, good eating.

[turtle drawing]

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Tuesday. Lat 38° 34' N Long 39° 03' W
Fine weather. wind N E. first part steered
S W. Middle part, on starboard tack
latter part steered W.SW

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Wednesday, Lat 37° 50' N Long 40° 12' W

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Thursday. early part fine weather from
SW. breezed on to a moderate gale from
W. In latter part, ship on port tack all day
at 1/2 hour P M. Picked up a piece of yellow
pine timber, 40 ft long 14 inches square

[timber drawing]

11

Saturday Lat 37° 30' N Long 40° 51' W.
Wind from eastward, steered S S W during
day light

12

Sunday Lat 36° 25' N, Long 40° 40' W
Weather fine. wind light from the eastward
steered SSW. in afternoon. by the wind
on port tack, the remainder of the time

Western Ground
1885

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July

13	Monday Lat 35° 25' N Long 40° 03' W Light winds from E to SW. ship on port tack grampuses quite numerous
14	Tuesday Lat 35° 00' N Long 39° 38' W Light breeze from the eastward
15	Wednesday Lat 35° 08' N Long 39° 15' W Light airs from all quarters. Lowered the boats in the day watch to exercise crews
16	Thursday Lat 35° 22' N Long 38° 56' W Continued light winds from S. To E
17	Friday Lat 35° 55' N Long 38° 06' W Light airs from the S
18	Saturday Lat 36° 20' N Long 37° 30' W
19	Sunday Lat 36° 45' N Long 37° 00' W Early part light wind from S. Middle and latter part strong from S W. ship on starboard tack all day
21	Tuesday Lat 36° 40' N Long 35° 27' W
22	Wednesday Lat 37° 30' N Long 35° 16' W. Wind from W & S W. Early part fine weather steaming N N E. Middle and latter part strong by the wind on port tack, . At 12M. saw a large can buoy adrift, at 6 1/2 P M. caught two porpoises. At 5 A M. The iron ship Invercargill of Glasgow passed steaming N E
24	Friday Lat 38° 18' N Long 36° 22' W Strong squally weather from W and S W ship on port tack
28	Tuesday Lat 38° 50' N Long 35° 35' W Wind from W. fine weather. early part steer- ed S E. Middle part on starboard tack Latter part steered E by S.

[sketch of
Mast & sail
Layout]

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Western Ground

July

29 Wednesday Lat 38° 50' N Long 34° 16' W
Fine weather wind W. afternoon and forenoon
steered E S E. at night starboard tack short sail

30 Thursday Lat 38° 58' N Long 33° 00' W
Fine weather from the W. Plenty of
square head grampuses seen today

31 Friday. Fine weather from the W.
went on board bark Tamerlane
[sketch of 3 mast vessel] Capt Macomber. 14 Mos out
400 barrels sperm oil. went on board
at two P M and staid until 10 P M.
Ship Milton working East

August

1 Saturday Lat 38° 56' N Long 32° 38' W
Light wind from W. Steered E by S. By
[sketch of fish] daylight. at night on starboard tack
after dinner saw an old spar surrounded
with fish of seven kinds, caught a
great many, and many staid by the ship

2 Sunday Lat 38° 55' N Long 32° 43' W.
Fine weather. the island of Roses in sight
[sketch of island] bearing E by N distant about 35 miles
Wind from the S.W. ship running E by daylight

6 Thursday. Have been in sight of Flores and
Corvo since Sunday. Yesterday, the Capt.
and his Lady, went on shore at the town of
[stamp of bullock] Lages, in Flores and staid 24 hours
bought 50 bushels of potatoes, and a lot of
onions and one half grown bullock
potatoes, 60 cents bushel. The third mate , a
native of the island deserted, and the
captain brought off a boy to serve as cabin boy

7 Friday, Cleared from Flores this P M. At, 4 o'clock
steered of to the S with a light breeze from
N W.

About the Western Islands

1885

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August

- 8 Saturday. First part, strong breeze from W. middle and latter parts blowing a moderate gale
- 9 Sunday. Wind died away and ,howled in the middle part more to the northward, latter part wind light from the N. steered, S. at 11 A M, saw Blackfish
- [sketch of whales tale]
- 11 Tuesday. Lat 38° 05' N Long 29° 43' W. Fine weather, wind E N E Pico bears E.S.E dist 60 miles
- [sketch of island]
- 13 Thursday Lat 38° 27' N Long 30° 16' W. Strong squally weather from W. ship on port tack ends with fine weather one whaling schooner in sight
- 14 Friday. Gammed schooner Charles Morse Capt Higgins at 6 P M. At 11 1/2 A M. passed a dead killer. weather fine wind West
- [sketch of schooner]
- 19 Wednesday Lat 36° 30' N Long 28° 16' W. Since the last entry in journal have been cruising south of Pico and Fayal. the weather for the most part has been good. have kept the land from 50 to a 100 miles distant - Today commenced with a strong breeze from the W. and ended with a light breeze from same quarter with rain from 3 A M. to 7 A M. ship on port tack
- 21 Friday Lat 37° 15' N Long 28° 58' W. Light wind from W. with a heavy swell without any apparent cause
- 23 Sunday . First part light squally weather from S W. middle and latter parts, strong breeze from W. and N W. lowered for Blackfish at 2 P M. no fish
- [sketch of whales tail]
- 28 Friday . Early part strong breeze from N W. air very hazy, bad seeing, latter part wind lighter, and howling to the N. ship in both tacks
- 29 Saturday Lat 36° 37' N Long 29° 06' W

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Ship Milton toward the line.

September

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| 1 | Tuesday. Off and on Fayal. Captain went on shore at 2 P M. and the ship stood out to the N and W. of the island for the night. latter part clear, wind from N E. off the town receiving recruits of potatoes, onions, pumpkins & etc |
| 4 | Friday. Strong breeze from W. off and on the island until 3 P M. when the captain came on board and we stood out to the N W of the island. Just before dark saw what we supposed were sperm whales, close in to the land N W side |
| 5
[whale stamp] | Saturday. Strong breeze from N W. veering to the north in latter part ship on port tack until 6 A M. after which we steered S S W. At 1 P M. raised a school of small sperm whales, on ships lee beam, coming quick to windward. before we could make out what they were and get the boats ready they had got by the ship to windward at 1 1/2 P M lowered larboard and waist boats and pulled to windward. at 2 1/2 P.M. boats came onboard. Fayal and Pico in sight during P M. bearing E S. E 30 miles |
| 6 | Sunday. Lat 37° 20' N Long 29° 08' W. Moderate breeze from N the entire day steering South by West |
| 8 | Tuesday Lat 33 30' N Long 28° 24' W. Strong E wind all day, steering S by W. |
| 9 | Wednesday L 31° 30' N Long 27° 56' W. Strong E wind , steering S by W. |
| 10 | Thursday Lat 29° 43' N Long 27° 45' W. Fine breeze from E steering S 1/2 W. |
| 11 | Friday Lat 27° 48' N Long 27° 20' W. Fresh N E trades, steering S. 4 sails seen in A.M. |

Toward the Equator**September**

- 12 Saturday Lat 25° 40' N. Long 26° 27' W
Continued fresh trades and pleasant weather, steering S by W, two sails seen P.M
- 13 Sunday Lat 23° 13' N. Long 25° 55' W
Steering S by W
- 14 Monday. Lat 20° 35' N Long 25° 36' W.
Steering S by W. and S S W.
- 15 Tuesday Lat 17° 53' N Long 25° 50' W.
Steering S by W until 4 P M. then luffed to the wind on port tack. heading S S E at 6 1/2 P M wore around and stood on the starboard tack until .7. A M. after that stood on port tack. for the remainder of day
- 16 Wednesday Lat 17° 32' N Long 25° 55' W.
Strong trades. stood on both tacks.
- 17 Thursday . String trade wind . stood on port
[sketch of island] tack until 3 P M. . after that steered S by W saw the island of St Anthony to the eastward of us in the latter part of the day
- 18 Friday Lat 15° 19' N Long 25° 16' W
[sketch of island] Fresh breeze . steering toward the S E the islands Brava and Fogo in sight this A M
- 19 Saturday . Brava and Fogo in sight P M.
bearing N and E . distant about 40 miles.
Steering S E. during the 24 hours with a light trade wind
- 20 Sunday Lat 13° 45' N Long 23° 34' W
[sketch of whale tail] Light trades, steering S. E. at 7 A M lowered for Blackfish and chased until 11 1/2 A.M.
- 21 Monday Continued light wind . steering S E by S.
Lat 13° 15' N Long 22° 40' W
- 22 Tuesday . Lat 12° 12' N Long 21° 30' W. Light breeze from N veering to the E in latter part at 7 A M. commenced a general setting up rigging

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Sept		Toward the line
	23	Wednesday Lat 11° 00' N Long 21° 08' W Very light doldrums
	25	Friday Lat 10' 30' N Long 21' 03' W
	[whale stamp]	Light showery weather, lowered for blackfish at 4 1/2 P M. caught 1 to larboard boat put on board at 7 P M
	26	Saturday Lat 9° 05' N Long 21° 18' W
	[whale stamp]	Light baffling winds with occasional showers. steering S S W. when wind will allow tried out the blackfish, made 1 barrel of oil
	28	Monday Lat 8° 28' N. Long 21° 15' W. Very light southerly wind, dead ahead.
	29	Tuesday Lat Continued light south wind
	[whale stamp]	At 9 1/2 A M. lowered for blackfish. bow boat caught two
	30	Wednesday. Light westerly wind, steering S W 1/2 S
October		
	1	Thursday Light variable winds. At 2 1/2 P M
	[whale stamp]	lowered for blackfish, one each for the __board, and starboard. boats. at 6 1/2 A M lowered again without catching any. Commenced trying out 7 A M
	2	Friday Lat 6° 30' N Long 20° 23' W. Fresh breeze from the S. ship on both tacks during the day. finished boiling 3 P M. 3 1/2 bbls oil
	3	Saturday Lat 6° 00' N Long 19° 40' W. Light airs from southward and westward with rain part of A M. at 10 1/2 A M. lowered one boat for blackfish, no success Steering S W. when the wind permits
	5	Monday Lat 5° 40' N Long 20° 00' W Continued light doldrums

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Toward the Equator

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October

6

Tuesday Lat 5° 05' N Long 20° 50' W.
Weather continuing the same light squalls
from all points of the compass. working
to the S W. At 2 1/2 A M a school of
sperm whales ran afoul of the ship
hauled aback and waited for dawn
when we saw the whales to the windward
of us about 2 1/2 miles away. The wind
being S W. at the time, got the boats ready
and all hands had breakfast.
meanwhile a squall came down and
hid the whales, after the squall cleared
away at 8 A M. there were no whales to
be seen. they must have started off quickly
to the S W. almost calm no wind to follow them

7

Wednesday Lat 4° 55' N Long 20° 49' W.
Raised sperm whales at 9 A M. lowered
three boats and chased. wind fresh from
S. whales going quick to westward

8

[whale
stamp]

Thursday. Succeeded in striking. waist
boat first and the other boat soon after. the
whaler brought to for a little while, but the
starboard boat got there too late. First boat struck
about 3 P M. got the three whales along side
about 6 P M. At 7 A M commenced cutting
did not begin before because of rain
it rained in torrents all the time we were
cutting. wind from the south, fresh

9

Friday. Finished cutting at 1 1/2 P M. fine
weather fresh breeze from S. commenced
boiling at 6 1/2 A M. ship on port tack all day

10

Saturday Lat 4° 24' N Long 21° 28' W
Weather continues fine, wind from S. fresh and
steady. boiling slowly, mincing machine does
not work well, and din't mince enough
blubber to keep the pots going. finished
boiling at 9 1/2 A M. ship on port tack

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Across the equator.

October

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| 12 | Monday. Lat 2° 52' N Long 23° 28' W.
Strong S E trades. ship on port tack
making a S W. course. had trades since Thursday |
| 13 | Tuesday Lat 1° 50' N Long 24° 48' W.
Strong trades. ship by the wind on port tack |
| 14 | Wednesday Lat 1° 12' N Long 26° 13' W.
Pleasant weather with a fine breeze
steering S W. by S. |
| 15 | Thursday Lat 00° 55' N Long 26° 50' W.
Continued pleasant trades, steering S W by S. |
| 16 | Friday Lat 00° 55' S Long 27° 30' W.
Fresh trades. Steering S S W. |
| 17
[sketch of
3 signal
flags] | Saturday Lat 2° 33' S Long 28° 24' W
Good weather. fresh breeze. steering S S W.
At 11 1/2 A M signaled English barkentine
Pembroke Castle. steering N N E asked his
Longitude it was 29°. finished setting up
rigging for the prestant |
| 18 | Sunday Lat 4° 18' S Long 29° 07' W.
The usual weather. steering S S W. |
| 19 | Monday Lat 6° 05' S. Long 29° 52' W.
Strong trades, steering S by W. |
| 20 | Tuesday Lat 7° 58' S. Long 30° 27' W
Early part strong latter part lighter
steering S by W and SW |
| 21 | Wednesday Lat 10° 18' S. Long 30° 39' W.
Moderate trade wind, steering S. S W. |
| 22 | Thursday Lat 13° 00' S Long 31° 03' W
Lighter wind this day. steering S S W. |
| 23 | Friday Lat 15° 25' S. Long 31° 48' W
Light wind. steering S S W. first part
S by E 1/2 E in latter part |

Bound south

October

- 24 Saturday Lat 17° 15' S Long 31° 48' W
Light air from N. steering S by E 1/2 E
- 25 Sunday Lat 18° 05' S Long 31° 25' W
Continued light wind from N. course S S E
- 26 Monday Lat 18° 58' S. Long 30° 56' W.
Fresher breeze early part. increasing to
strong latter part from N. course S S E
- 27 Tuesday. Strong wind from N with occa-
sional showers. steered S S E until 3 P M
after that steered S by W. until 10 1/2 P M
when the wind hauled to the S W.
by the wind on both tacks for the remain-
der of the day. At 1 1/2 P M sighted
Trinidad. bearing E S E dist. 20 miles
passed to the westward of it
- [sketch of
island]
- 28 Wednesday Lat 21° 25' S Long 29° 20' W
Fresh breeze first part from S. middle
and latter part from S E
ship on starboard tack until 10 P M
remainder on port tack. Trinidad in
sight during P M. bearing N N E dist 55 miles
- 29 Thursday Lat 22° 15' S Long 29° 32' W.
Strong breezes from S. veering to E S E in
middle part. the course being S by W 1/2 W.
- 30 Friday Lat 24° 00' S Long 29° 48' W.
Strong hazy weather. wind from N E
steering S. At 6 1/2 A M. the iron four
masted ship Drumburton passed our
stern steering S E. probably an Englishman
- November
- 1 Sunday Lat 27° 15' S Long 28° 46' W
- 2 Monday Lat 27° 35' S. Long 27° 47' W
- 6 Friday Lat 28° 05' S Long 28° 20 W
String weather from all quarters. for the last 3 days
have been cruising in lat 27° and long 27°
today have been steering S by E. first part light latter strong

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Right whale ground

November

- 7 Saturday Lat 29° 25' S Long 27° 23' W.
Fresh breeze from N with rain after 6 A M
steering S by W
- 9 Monday Lat 31° 00' S Long 27° 46' W.
Light wind from E steering S 1/2 W
- 11 Wednesday Lat 33° 56' S. Long 27° 32' W
First part strong breeze from N E steering
S by W, middle part by the wind on port tack
latter part from 9 1/2 A M steered S by W
saw a few finbacks during the day
- 12 Thursday. On northern edge of right
whale ground. saw a few finbacks but no
feed. strong breeze from N with occasion-
al showers, thick and bad seeing all day
- 13 Friday Fresh breeze from N all day with
fog or rain most of the time. the fog lit
up during the forenoon. but it was still bad
seeing. saw finbacks and a little feed
ship by the wind on port tack until 7 1/2 A M
when we kept off S by W for the remainder of day
- 14 Saturday Lat 35° 02' S Long 25° 43' W.
First part running S by W. with a fresh
N wind. Luffed to the wind at sundown on
starboard tack. breezed on during the night
to a moderate gale. with fog and rain that
lasted the remainder of the day. wore ship at
12 P M with fore and mizzen tpsls furled
- 15 Sunday. The gale moderated and hauled
to the westward in the afternoon, and in
the night hauled to S E. overcast sky and
strong breeze all day. ship on port tack
saw feed and plenty of finbacks
- 16 Monday Breezed on during the night
from E and blew a moderate gale the
rest of the day

[whale
stamp]

Right whale ground

November

17

Tuesday. Early part strong breeze from NE
middle part calm. latter part light breeze
from N with fog. fog lit up at 9 1/2 A M
raised two right wales on ships lee beam
feeding. lowered larboard and waist
boats. chasing the remainder of the day

[whale stamp]

18

Wednesday. In trying to go on the whales
waist broke tiller and consequently did
not fasten. chased the whales until 6 P M
and went on board. Breezing on all the
while with a nasty sea running. and
during the night half a gale. with squalls
of rain. whales did not seem inclined to go off.
wind veering gradually from N W to W and S.

19

Thursday Lat 36° 33' S Long 25° 25' W
Early strong breeze. middle and latter part
light from west and southwest

20

Lat 36° 10' S Long 26° 04' W
Early part light breeze from S W. at 4 P M
raised a right whale among a number
of finback. lowered at 5/14 and chased until
sundown. middle part calm. latter part
light breeze from N. at 9 1/2 A M
raised a right whale. supposed to be
the same whale we chased before. lowered
three boats and chased very fine weather
plenty of finbacks and feed

[whale stamp]

[whale stamp]

21

Saturday Early part chased right whale
until sundown. weather very fine from N
middle part light breeze from N W
at daylight raised a right whale
supposed to be same one again. lowered three
boats. did not succeed in striking. mate
went alongside of him and the boatsteerer
missed a good chance. meanwhile
the ship raised another whale
and the bow boat struck him about
10 A M. got him along side 11 1/2 A M weather
fine, wind N W.

[whale stamp]

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Right whale ground

November

- 22 Sunday Lat 36° 19' S . Cut in from
2 P M to 7 1/2 P M. fine weather from N W
all day. started try works at 11 A M
- 23 Monday Lat 36° 45' S Long 26° 40' W.
These 24 hours fine weather. wind N W. veering
to S W. boiling during the day ship on both tacks.
- 24 Tuesday Finished boiling at 2 A M
wind veering from S W. to S and E. and
finally N E. fine weather
- 25 Wednesday Lat 36° 00 S Long 27° 00' W.
Fair weather wind from N. commenced
stowing down at daylight. in main hold
starboard side
- 26 Thursday. fine weather wind N. finished
stowing. (56 bbls R 28 bbls S.) at 7 1/2 P M
- 27 Friday Lat 36° 25' S. Long 25° 00' W.
Half a gale from N. early part running S.
middle and latter part on port tack
under lower main topsail
- 29 Sunday Lat 36° 05' S Long 25° 00' W
Early part fresh breeze from N N W
steering S W. at sundown luffed to the wind
on port tack, under lower maintopsail, wind
increased to a moderate gale during the
night and continued so for the day
- 30 Monday. Wind moderated in early part and
hauled to W. middle part strong breeze
latter part on southern tack. fine and clear

December

- 1 Lat 36° 45' S Long 24° 11' W, Tuesday
Fine weather, wind W. good breeze first part
latter part light. ship on both tacks, plenty finbacks
- 2 Wednesday Early part calm, middle part light breeze
latter part strong from N. washing bow in A M.
ship on starboard tack all day

Right whale ground

December

- 3 Thursday. Wind from N blowing a moderate gale with rain, ship on starboard tack, until 5 P M. after that on port tack
- 4 Friday. Wind moderated and hauled to W. at 3 P M. afterward around to S and finally E rainy all day. middle and latter part wind light. ship on port tack all day
- 5 Saturday Early part light breeze from E with rain. middle part wind hauled to S. and cleared off. latter strong breeze S ship on port tack
- 6 Sunday Lat 36° 55' S Long 25° 43' W. Wind from S died away to a light breeze in the early part and continued so for the day ship on port tack
- 7 Monday Lat 36° 50' S. Long 25° 30' W. calm early part. light breeze middle part fresh breeze in latter part from N W. ship on port tack to 6 A M. after that on starboard.
- 8 Tuesday Lat 37° 10' S Long 26° 40' W. Light wind from W. and N W. all day ship on starboard tack early and latter part, on port tack middle part
- 9 Wednesday Lat 37° 12' S Long 26° 30' W. Fine breeze from N W. during the day. ship on starboard tack before 5 1/2 P M. after that steered E by S. for the remainder of the day The steward went off duty. was taken with spitting blood, caused by wrestling with men forward. cook on duty as steward. a foremast hand in the galley
- 10 Thursday. Strong breeze in early part from N breezed on to a gale in latter part. hauled to W. and moderated in latter part. had some rain during the night. steering E early part. after that, on port tack

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Dec

On Right whale ground

1885

- 11 Friday Lat 37° 15' S Long 24° 20' W.
Fresh breeze all day. first part from N W
middle and latter part S W. ship on port
tack under short sail, until 6 1/2 A M. when
kept off E by S. no signs of right whales to be seen
- 12 Saturday Lat 36° 45' S. Long 23° 54' W.
Early part fine breeze from S W. steering E by S.
middle part by the wind short sail port tack
latter part wind from S and S E. steered N E by E
- 13 Sunday Lat 35° 55' S. Long 23° 23' W.
Commenced with strong wind from E
ship on starboard tack. middle part breezing
on. ship on port tack. latter part half a
gale from S E ship on port tack
- 14 Monday Half a gale from E. ship on port tack
- 15 Tuesday. Wind moderated to a strong breeze
from E. ship on port tack before 6 A M. then on starboard
- 16 Wednesday Lat 36° 10' S Long 24° 11' W.
Light wind from S E howling in latter part
PM ship on starboard tack until wind
hauled, then steered E by S.
- 17 Thursday Lat 35° 40' S Long 23° 45' W.
Light breeze from W. all day. steering
E by S, and E S E in latter part of the day
- 18 Friday Lat 35° 35' S Long 22° 14' W. Fresh
breeze from W. steering course E S E first six hours
after that steering S E by E.
- 19 Saturday Lat 35° 50' S Long 19° 17' W. Light
breeze from W. and N W. course S E by E
- 20 Sunday Lat 36° 00' S Long 17° 53' W
Light breeze from N W. hauling to N in
latter part course S E by E

Dec

Working east

- 21 Monday Lat 36° 12' S Long 15° 52' W.
Fine light weather. wind from N W. steering
E until 6 P M. during night by the wind on
port tack. in the morning kept off E for the day
- 23 Wednesday Blowing half a gale from N W.
hove to at sundown. on port tack. for the rest of the day
- 25 Fine weather wind W. Killed the hog
[pig in P M. and bent new fore and foretopmast stay
stamp] sails course S E by S.
- 26 Saturday. Light breeze through the day from E
ship on both tacks. working E. P M bent new M tpsls
- 27 Sunday Lat 34° 40' S Long 8° 18' W.
Commenced with light breeze from E. middle
and latter part from N E. latter part steered S E
- 28 Monday Lat 35° 05' S Long 7° 27' W.
Wind from N E. fresh. course S E
- 29 Tuesday. Commenced with a fresh breeze
from N E. lighter in middle part from N W.
strong breeze latter part from N steering S E 1/2 E
- 30 Wednesday Lat 36° 20' S Long 1° 35' W.
Commenced with a strong breeze from N
middle part veered to N W. with rain thunder
and lightning. latter part fresh breeze from
S W. clear steering S E 1/2 E all day.
- 31 Thursday Lat 36° 35' S. Long 1° 05' E.
Commenced with a light breeze from S. hauling
to E ship on starboard tack. middle part
wind hauled to N E. steering S E. latter
part wind veered N, so end the year
1885. 84 barrels of oil for the Milton
six months and twenty two days
from New Bedford

January

Working East by Cape Good Hope

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| 1 | Friday Lat 36° 55' S Long 3° 00' E
New years day commences with a fresh breeze from N veering to N W. in middle part. with fog steering S E during the day |
| 2 | Saturday Lat 37° 25' S Long 6° 00' E
Commenced with light breeze from N W and hazy, very foggy during middle and latter part. saw finbacks and feed. course S E |
| 3 | Sunday. Commenced with thick fog and a light breeze from N W. middle part foggy wind S W. latter part clear. wind N W. steering a S E course through the day. |
| 4 | Monday Lat 38° 08' S Long 10° 04' E
Commenced with a fresh breeze from N W increasing in middle part. to a strong breeze from W. that continued the rest of the day steered a S E course through the day |
| 5 | Tuesday Lat 38° 32' S Long 13° 17' E
Fresh breeze from W. dying away and hauled to N W. in middle part. freshening from N W in latter part. steering S E. |
| 6 | Wednesday. Strong breeze from NW. with occasional rain showers. latter part wind became light and hauled to S W. course S E |
| 7 | Thursday Lat 39° 08' S Long 18° 39' E
Commenced with strong breeze from S W. dying away calm in latter part course S E by E |
| 8 | Friday Lat 39° 25' S Long 20° 10' E
Commenced with a light breeze from E N E. ship by the wind on port tack. middle part wind hauled N N E. with strong squalls. latter part strong and squally. wind hauled to W N W
At 7 A M, signaled bark Abbie Carnes of Boston. 63 days from Boston Bay bound to Sidney N S W. |

[sketch of
signal flags]

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January

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Toward New Zealand

- Saturday Commenced with a strong breeze increasing to a gale from W N W. with heavy squalls in latter part steering E S E
- 10 Sunday Early part blowing a gale from W N W. with heavy squalls, and a heavy cross sea. moderated in middle part latter part hauled to S W with a light breeze steering E S E
- 11 Monday Lat 38° 05' S Long 29° 30' E Commenced with light wind from S W. dying away calm in middle part course S E by E
- 12 Tuesday Lat 37° 20' S Long 31° 43' E Commenced with a light breeze from E increasing to a fresh breeze in latter part ship by the wind on port tack all day
- 13 Wednesday Lat 38° 44' S Long 33° 40' E Commenced with a fresh breeze from E dying away calm in middle part. latter part light breeze from same quarter ship by the wind on port tack all day
- 14 Thursday Lat 39° 05' S Long 35° 23' E. Early part light breeze from N E. middle part hauled to N W. with rain, latter part strong breeze from W. N. W. course E S E.
- 15 Friday Lat 38° 45' S Long 38° 16' E Early part fresh breeze from W N W hauling to S at 2P M. light breeze remainder of the day course E S E.
- 16 Saturday Lat 37° 52' S Long 40° 30' E. This day begins with a light breeze from S. calm in middle part. light breeze from E S E on latter part. ship on starboard tack before 4 1/2 A M. afterward
on port tack
- 17 Sunday Lat 38° 18' S Long 42° 05' E Commenced with a fresh breeze from E increased to a strong breeze in the latter part ship by the wind on port tack all day

January

- 18 Monday Lat 40° 05' S Long 43° 13' E.
Strong breeze from E increasing in latter part
to a gale ship on port tack all day
- 19 Tuesday Blowing a gale from E. in the
early part ship on port tack. wind moder-
ated and hauled to W. in middle part
Kept off E by S the remainder of the day
latter part wind died out to a light breeze
- 20 Wednesday Lat 40° 38' S. Long 47° 10' E
Begins with a light breeze from W. hauled
to N W. at 7 P M and increased gradually
to a strong breeze in latter part course E S E
- 21 Thursday Lat 40° 10' S Long 50° 38' E.
First part strong breeze from N N W hauled
to W S W at 2 P M. in latter part hauled to
S (?) and died away nearly calm course S E by E 1/2 E
- 22 Friday Lat 40° 05' S Long 54° 06' E
Light breeze from S in early part, middle part
dead calm, at daylight a light breeze sprang
up from E. and increased to a fresh breeze
noon. early part ship on starboard tack, latter port tack
- 23 Saturday Lat 40° 23' S Long 55° 12' E
Commenced with a fresh breeze from N E ship
on port tack. latter part wind veered to N
steered E S E
- 24 Sunday Lat 40° 10' S Long 59° 04' E
A moderate breeze from N in the early part
hauled gradually around to W. and at 7 A M
jumped to S. for the rest of the day course S E by E 1/2 E
- 25 Monday Lat 40° 00' S Long 62° 30' E
Breeze fresh from S in early part. light in middle
part. ship by the wind on eastern tack
latter part light breeze from S W
steering S E by E

Toward New Zealand

- 26 Tuesday Lat 39° 32' S Long 65° 00' E
Commenced with light baffling wind from
S and W. middle and latter parts light
breeze from N W. course S E
- 27 Wednesday Lat 39° 38' S Long 66° 40' E
Commenced with a fresh breeze from N W.
hauled to N at 2 1/2 A M and breezed on
strong steering S E by E and S E 1/2 E
- 28 Thursday Lat 40° 18' S Long 70° 12' E
Strong breeze from N until 3 1/2 A M when it
hauled to W N W and died away light with
rain, at 9 A M hauled to W. and breezed on
strong. course S E 1/2 E.
- 29 Friday Lat 40° 25' S Long 74° 14' E
Commenced with a half a gale from N W.
increased to a moderate gale in latter part
steering S E and S E by E.
- 30 Saturday Lat 40° 50' S Long 78° 12' E
Early part moderate gale from W N W.
latter part strong breeze. steering S E by E 1/2 E
- 31 Sunday Lat 40° 42' S Long 81° 24' E
Early part wind became light from W N W.
and hauled to N at 6 P M. middle and latter
parts strong breeze, steering S E by E and E S E.
- February
- 1 Monday Lat 40° 42' S Long 85° 23' E
A fresh breeze from N W all day with fog
and rain steering E S E.
- 2 Tuesday Lat 40° 30' S Long 90° 00' E
Fresh breeze from N W with fog, course S E by E 1/2 E
- 3 Wednesday Lat 40° 30' S Long 94° 00' E
Strong breeze until 4 A M when it died away
to a light breeze and hauled to W N W
fog all day steering E S E.

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February

- 4 Thursday Lat 40° 30' S Long 97° uncertain
light breeze from N W. in early part with
fine rain, middle part fresher breeze from
W N W. with fog. latter part same breeze, fog lifted
steering S E by E 1/2 E.
- 5 Friday Lat 40° 50' S Long 100° 30' E
Fresh breeze from N. W. in the early part.
hauled to N and increased in middle part
latter part half a gale from N. steering
S E by E. AT 6 3/4 P M. the steward (who
has been of duty since Dec 9th) died. did not
know what sickness he had. he got hurt
wrestling. and spit a little blood for a day or
two. (not more than two tablespoon fulls)
no pain of any consequence. but had a cough
he gradually grew weaker until he died
his appetite was good. but he would not eat
all he wished for fear it would hurt him
he seemed to have the belief that he was
going to die anyway. had no pluck but gave
right in. his name was Manuel Silva
25 years old a native of Brava C V I
- 6 Saturday Lat 41° 30' S Long 104° 39' E
Strong breeze from N in early part increas-
ing to a moderate gale in latter part at day
light wind died away suddenly to a light breeze
from N W barometer low expect a heavy gale. bar 29 2/10
hove ship to under lower main topsail for the
remainder of the day. rain occasionally
through the day. course S E by E
AT 1/2 hour P M. clewed down topsail and
hove ship to on port tack to bury the body
set the ensign half mast. the capt' read
the burial service. after which the body
was launched from the gang way. all
hands being present except captains wife
laid aback half an hour and then
Kept off on our course, for New Zealand

[sketch of
skull and
cross bones]

[sketch of
ship with
mast, sails,
& flag]

Toward New Zealand

February

7

Sunday. Came on to blow heavy from S W. at 1 1/2 P M. with rain. blew heavy through the night with squalls. moderated towards morning. after breakfast kept S E by E in middle part wind hauled W N W.

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Monday Lat 41° 42' S Long 107° 50' E
Strong breeze from N W. course S E by E

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Tuesday lat 42° 22' S Long 115° 50' E
Strong breeze from W N W course S E by E

10

Wednesday Lat 43° 04' S Long 115° 52' E
Strong breeze from W. and N W. in first and middle parts. increased to a gale in latter part from N W. with rain course S E by E

11

Thursday No observations. blowing a strong gale from W. with rain in the early part steered S E by E until 6 1/2 P M. when we hove to on port tack for the remainder of the day

12

Friday Lat 43° 40' S Long 120° 30' E
Hove to in a gale from W S W until 4 1/2 A M. when the weather being better. Kept off S E by E for the remainder of the day

13

Saturday Lat 43° 32' S Long 122° 00' E
Fresh breeze from N W. with drizzle in middle and latter parts course S E by E

14

Sunday Lat 44° 25' S Long 125° 50' E
Strong breeze from W N W. steered S E by E and E S E

15

Monday Lat 45° 38' S Long 130° 00' E
Light breeze from W. veering to W N W in latter part course East by South

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Tuesday Lat 45° 45' S Long 133° 20' E
Early and middle parts fresh breeze from N W latter part strong breeze from N N W. steering several courses. E by S. E 1/2 S. and E

February

- 17 Wednesday Lat 40° 02' S Long 138° 00' E
Strong breeze from N N W. increasing to half a gale in latter part course E
- 18 Thursday Lat 46° 12' S Long 142° 45' E
Commenced with half a gale from N N W middle part less wind from S. latter part light breeze from S. course E
- 19 Friday Lat 46° 22' S Long 145° 45' E
Light winds all day. from S in early part. from E and N E in middle and latter parts. course E when she will head it by the wind on starboard tack in the middle part until 2 A M. after that on port tack
- 20 Saturday. Commenced with a light breeze from N E ship on port tack. middle part wind hauled to N W. with a fresh breeze latter part strong breeze from W. course N E by E
- 21 Sunday Lat 46° 05' S Long 150° 20' E
Fresh breeze from S W. dying away to a light breeze from S S W. in the latter part course N E and N E by E
- 22 Monday Lat 44° 28' S Long 153° 15' E
Commenced with a light breeze from S. breezed on strong in middle part from S E. blowing half a gale in the latter part from E S E steering N E by E when wind allows
- 23 Tuesday. Commenced with a strong breeze from E S E. with squalls of fine rain ship by the wind on starboard tack. middle part same. latter part light breeze from S. course N E
- 24 [sketch of signal flags] Wednesday Lat 42° 06' S Long 156° 30' E
Light airs from Land S W. course N E by N signaled an English bark bound east
- 25 Thursday Lat 40° 48' S Long 158° 00' E
Light airs from S W to N E. steering N E by N when we can

Toward New Zealand

February

26

Friday Lat 40° 42' S Long 158° 50' E
 Fresh breeze from N hauling to W. in the
 latter part. course N E by N. when wind permits

27

Saturday Lat 39° 58' S. Long 161° 30' E
 Commenced with a fresh breeze from W
 dying away. and hauling to S in middle
 part. latter part wind light and hauled
 to N E. steering N and by the wind on port tack

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Sunday. Commenced with a light breeze from
 N E. with showers of fine rain ship on starboard
 tack. middle part wind hauled to N ship
 on port tack. latter part wind strong
 from W steering N

March

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[sketch of
 mast & sails]

Monday Lat 37° 05' S Long 162° 40' E
 Strong breeze from S W. and S. first part
 steering N. middle part by the wind on
 port tack under short sail. A 7 1/2 A M
 spoke the colonial whaler Water Witch
 Capt Mc Graw. did not find out
 where she hailed from or how much oil she had

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Tuesday Lat 35° 45' S Long 162° 34' E
 Fresh breeze from S hauling to S E in latter
 part. first part steering N. middle and
 latter parts by the wind on starboard tack

3

[sketch of
 3 mast ship]

Wednesday Baffling squally. weather from
 S E to E. ship by the wind on starboard tack
 At 4 P M spoke barkentine Nancy Holt of
 Liverpool, Australia steering N E

4

Thursday Lat 34° 00' S Long 164° 55' E
 Wind baffling from S E to E N E. strong and
 squally ship by the wind on starboard tack

5

Friday Lat 33° 20' S Long 165° 30' E
 Commenced with strong squally weather from E
 increased to a gale in latter part ship on
 starboard tack until 3 A M. after that
 on port tack

March

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| 6 | Saturday No observations. blowing a gale from E. ship hove to on port tack under lower main topsail and foretopmast stay sail some rain during the day |
| 7 | Sunday Lat 34° 15' S Long 164° 48' E
Hove to under the same sail as yesterday wind blowing a moderate gale in early part and a strong breeze in latter part. wind hauled to N in the night. Occasional showers |
| 9
[sketch
of 2 masts
with sails] | Tuesday. Light wind from N. hauling to S during the night. ship by the wind on port tack until 6 A M. when we steered N E by N Passed at 1 P M bark Lochnaw of Sydney N S W. steering S W. |
| 10

[sketch of
two men
fighting] | Wednesday Lat 34° 34' S Long 166° 40' E
Commenced with light breeze from S W. steering N E by N. middle part wind from N W. ship on port tack under lower topsails latter part light breeze standing to N E
During the day watch. two of the men forward got to fighting. put one of them (Antoine Silva) in irons, and put two scrub broom handles, over his arms and under his knees. Kept him sitting on deck in that position about one hour. set them both at work in the morning scouring the pots. to work off some of their extra spirits |
| 11 | Thursday Lat 34° 10' S Long 167° 30' E
A fine whaling breeze all day from S W. weather clear. during the afternoon steered N E by N. during the night on starboard under short sail, forenoon steered N E by E |
| 12 | Friday Lat 33° 42' S Long 168° 50' E
Commenced with a light breeze from S W steering N E by E. middle part by the wind on starboard tack under short sail
latter part wind from S E hauling to N E very light ship on starboard tack |

Cruising

- 13 Saturday. Commenced with a light breeze from N E. and ended with a fresh breeze from same quarter. ship on starboard tack until 6 1/2 P M after that on port tack
- 14 Sunday Lat 33° 35' S Long 170° 15' E
Fresh breeze from N E and N. fine weather ship on port tack in afternoon. Port tack at night, steering E by S in forenoon
- 15 Monday Lat 33° 54' S Long 170° 40' E
Fresh breeze from N N E hazy weather ship on port tack until 5 P M. after that on starboard tack
- 18 Thursday. The last three days wind has been from N. E. weather hazy. bad seeing wind strong or light in spells. ship by the wind on both tacks, short sail nights
- 19 Friday Lat 33° 30' S Long 170° 23' E
Light wind from E N E , to S S E. with squalls of fine rain in latter part ship on port tack before 4 P M afterward on starboard tack
- 21 Sunday Lat 33° 12' S Long 171° 40' E
Light breeze from S. ship on starboard tack all day with the exception of 3 1/2 hours between 12 P M and 3 1/2 A M
- 22 Monday Lat 33° 27' S Long 172° 57' E
Fresh breeze from S with squalls of rain in the night, ship on starboard tack
- 23 Tuesday Lat 33° 30' S. Long 174° 23' E
Baffling wind from the southward ship on port tack from 3 1/2 P M to 6 1/2 P M. the rest of the time on starboard tack weather fine for whaling, but no life to be seen except a few birds

Bound to Russell

March

- 24 Wednesday Lat 34° 12' S Long 175° 20' E
Early part strong breeze from S W. ship on starboard tack, middle part calm.
latter part strong and squally from N W
ship hove to under lower main topsail
- 26 Friday Lat 34° 58' S Long 175° 10' E
Wind from S to S W. strong and squally
ship on both tacks
- 27 Saturday. Continued strong squally
[sketch of weather from S W. ship on both tacks
signal flags] At 9 1/2 A M. signalized English iron
bark showing letter R J F B. from
Sydney N S W. bound to Valparaiss
Compared longitudes. his 175° 30' ours 175° 25'E
- 28 Sunday Lat 34° 28' S Long 175° 30' E
Early part more moderate than yesterday
ship on starboard tack. middle part
squally light and strong by turns
latter part the same with ship on port tack
- 29 Monday Lat 35° 06' S Long 176° 05' E
Wind from S S W. to W S W. light in early
part strong in latter part ship on both
tacks working S W.
- 30 Tuesday Lat 35° 00' S Long 175° 15' E
Wind from S W. to W. baffling. strong in
the early part. dying away almost calm
in the latter part, ship on both tacks
- 31 Wednesday Lat 35° 12' S Long 175° 12' E
[sketch of Commenced with a calm, middle part
rocks] light breeze from N E. hauling to W before
day light. steered W when wind allowed
afterward by the wind on starboard tack.
latter part fresh breeze from W. ship on
port tack. At 5 1/2 A M saw the Poor Knights
bearing S W. dist 20 miles and Cape Brett
bearing W. 30 miles list

Bound to Russell

April

- 1 Thursday Lat 35° 02' S Long 174° 50' E
Fresh breeze in early part from W. latter part strong. ship on port tack most of the time, land out of sight at 3 P M to the S W. There appears to be a strong current setting eastward. shown by the ship not making to windward as much as she might to, quantities of drift. stuff etc. Our port about 40 miles to W.
- 2 Friday. Early part strong from W. middle and latter parts. fresh breeze from S. ship on port tack until 6 A M. after that on starboard tack
- 3 Saturday Lat 34° 30' S Long 174° 45' E.
Wind from S. fresh in first and middle parts light in latter part. ship by the wind on both tacks. At day light Cape Brett bore S S W. dist 30 miles
- 4 Sunday Wind light and baffling from S and W. working the ship in the bay as fast as possible. at the end of the sea day. was half way between the Ninepin rock and Whale rock. with no wind. boats ahead towing
- 5 Monday. Light breeze sprang up from S W. hoisted the boats and beat up the bay arrived at the anchorage off Russell at 4 1/2 P M. received letters from the office soon after. No whalers here latter part of the day washing ship outside getting ready fro painting. Steamer Arawata arrived and sailed. she is a trading steamer between New Zealand and Feejee Islands.
- 6 Tuesday. Finished washing ship. latter part got a raft of casks ashore for water. broke out provisions from fore hold ready for storing water. Steamer Wellington arrived and sailed for Auckland.

[Anchor
stamp]

At Russell, Bay of Islands

April

- 7 Wednesday. First part engaged in breaking out fore hold. one gang ashore filling water one gang breaking out forehold and 5 men painting bends. continued fine weather Watches running ashore evenings, turn about. go after supper and back at 10 P M.
- 8 Thursday. Finished breaking out and cleaning up the fore hold, and finished the bends for the present. latter part stowed middle tier in fore hold for water. and the wings of the riding tier of provisions. two steamers arrived and sailed. the Wellington from Auckland for Mongamir, and the Wairarapa from _____ bound to Sydney
- 9 Friday Got off a raft off water and stowed it. rainy weather. did several small jobs between showers. the mate went to Kawa Kawa in the morning to see the doctor government steamer Hinenoa arrived
- 10 Saturday. Showery weather in first part latter part fine. got off a small raft of water and stowed it. the stream runs very small. slow filling. schooner Norval arrived from up river with coal for Auckland
- 11 Sunday Early part stowed some provisions forward and did several small jobs latter part starboard watch ashore on a run at 8 P M Hinenwa sailed for Auckland
- 13 Tuesday. Yesterday and today engaged in breaking out and stowing back main hold painting on port side, and filling and getting off water. two steamers arrived and sailed the Rotomahana and Cansman revenue schooner Hawk sailed yesterday morning on a cruise

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At the Bay of Islands

April

15 Thursday. Engaged with various odd jobs
American whaler Triton. Childs arrived
bound home with 1600 bbls oil, also etc Clamsman

May

- 4 Tuesday. Ship ready for sea have taken
450 bbls of water and 10 cords of Titree wood
painted ship and three larboard boats
two more whalers arrived. the bark Swallow
& Mc Ginnis. 2700 barrels of oil 3 years out
and ship Horatio Morse 7 months out
870 barrels oil. Three of our men ran away
and were caught by the Mauries and
lodged in jail until the ship sails. Three
days liberty were given each watch
A number of steamers have been in
the names of which are, Aranata Wellington
Waivarapa, Hinemoa, Rotomahana
Clamsman, Glonely and Waihora
- 5 Wednesday. Bark Triton sailed for home
via Lavage and Horn Islands
- 6 Thursday. in latter part. steamboat Ida
towed us out to the center of the bay
- 7 Friday. got underway at 1 P M with a light
breeze from S S W. got clear of the land before
sundown, at sundown took in mainsail
fore and mizzen topgals. steered N E by N
during the night and N E in forenoon weather fine
- 8 Saturday Lat 33° 55' S Long 176° 45' E
Early part light breeze from S. steering N E
middle part calm. yards braced on starboard
tack. latter part light breeze from N E ship on port
tack sky cloudy
- 9 Sunday Light breeze in the early part
from N E. increasing in middle part
to half a gale with rain. latter part more
moderate, rainy ship on both tacks

May

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| 10 | Monday. Fresh breeze from N E hauling tp S W. in middle part. with occasional rain squalls ship on starboard tack latter part steered N E by E |
| 11 | Lat 33° 25' S Long 176° 18' E
Fresh breeze from S W. steered N E by E until dark then luffed to on starboard. wore around at 9 1/2 A M. for the rest of the day |
| 12 | Wednesday Lat 33° 00' S Long 177° 30' E
Fresh breeze in first and middle parts from W ship on port tack. latter part light, course E by N |
| 13 | Thursday. Commenced with light breeze from W. steering E by N middle part more wind ship on starboard tack under lower topsails. latter part half a gale from N W. with rain. fore and mizzen topsails furled |
| 14 | Friday. Commenced with half a gale from W moderated during the night. latter part fresh breeze from N W. ship hove to on both tacks |
| 15 | Saturday. Strong breeze from N W to S W. with heavy squalls. ship hove to on both tacks |
| 16
[this entry
is for Tues.
the 18, except
the first line] | Sunday Lat 32° 05' S Long 178° 30' E
Commenced with strong squally weather from W. latter part fine weather from S ship on starboard tack until 8 A M. when kept off E for the remainder of the day |
| 18 | Tuesday Lat 32° 45' S Long 179° 36' E |
| 19 | Wednesday Lat 33° 12' S Long 179° 18' W.
Fine weather wind south. early part steering E. middle part on starboard tack. short sail latter part steered E N E |
| 20 | Thursday Lat 33° 06' S Long 177° 52' W
Commenced with a good breeze from S E steering E N E. middle part wind light. ship on starboard tack. latter part light airs and calm |

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Cruising

May

- 21 Friday Lat 32° 46' S Long 177° 10' W
Light breeze from N W. in the early part.
ship on starboard tack, middle and latter
parts fresh breeze, ship on port tack
- 22 Saturday Lat 32° 10' S Long 176° 30' W
Commenced with a fresh breeze from N W. ship
on port tack, middle part had a shower
and wind hauled S W. latter part wind
hauling to eastward. steering N by E
- 23 Sunday Lat 31° 05' S Long 176° 14' W.
Commenced with a strong breeze from E S E
steering N by E. middle and latter parts
half a gale from same quarter. ship by the
wind on starboard tack
- 24 Monday. Moderate gale from E S E ship on star' tack
- 25 Tuesday Lat 29° 34' S Long 174° 50' W
Continued gale from E. ship on starboard
tack. wore around at 9 A M.
- 26 Wednesday. Continued E gale ship on port tack
- 27 Thursday. Easterly gale. ship on port tack
- 28 Friday. Strong easterly gale with heavy
squalls. ship on port tack
- 29 Saturday . Continuation of the gale with
heavy squalls. ship on port tack
- 30 Sunday Lat 31° 09' S Long 178° 13' W
Gale continues from S E with squalls at
2 P M. French Rock bore S W. 25 miles and
Curtiss Rocks W N W. 25 miles. wore ship
at 2 P M. and headed to the E N E
- 31 Monday. gales moderating with squalls
of fine rain. latter part strong breeze
made sail, topsails courses. jib and spanker
ship on starboard tack, very heavy swells on

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- 1 Tuesday. Commenced with a fresh breeze from S E. and ended with a light breeze from E S E/ squalls of fine rain through the day ship on starboard
- 2 Wednesday Lat 29° 10' S Long 176° 30' W
Fresh breeze from S E with occasional squalls of fine rain, ship on starboard tack
- 3 Thursday Lat 28° 46' S Long 175° 40' W
Light breeze from E. with squalls of fine rain ship on starboard tack. at 11 1/4 A M raised a breach on lee beam. kept ship off. [whale head stamp]
- 4 Friday. The breach proved to be sperm whale. a large school going slow to W. wind light and coming in spurts from N E. Lowered three boats at 2 1/2 P M and went for the whales. after we lowered .the whales milled to N W got down to the whales with a good breeze. bow boat went along side of one and missed. all the whales came together and seemed completely bewildered. but they knew enough to keep a safe distance from the boats. darted three times from larboard boat the third time he got fast. just at dusk, the whale stove the boat on starboard bow three streaks and started running and sounding. the two other boats passed their warps into the fast boat and the whale started running very quick in various directions then he sounded. and took one line bent on third mates line. the whale came up and started running again. ran until he found the school. it being very dark could not see to work on the whale, and the school being around made it worse so we were forced to cut line and let him go got on board at 9 P M. latter part took in larboard boat and started patching her gamming with ship Horatio Morse, so ends a bad days work for the Milton

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June

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| 5 | Saturday. Commenced with fine weather wind from N N W. finished and put out larboard boat at 4 P M. middle part wind hauled to W. with a shower of rain. latter part fine weather. in company with Horatio all day |
| [sketch of a
3 masted
vessel under
sail] | Sunday Lat 28° 10' S Long 175° 56' W
Wind from W. fine weather. Horatio in company. gammed latter part of the day |
| 7 | Monday Fine weather. wind W. and S W first part gamming Horatio in sight all day |
| 9 | Wednesday Lat 27° 50' S Long 175° 24' W
Fine weather. wind S W. hauling to S E in the latter part. ship on starboard tack, before 3 A M after that on port tack |
| 11 | Friday Lat 28° 10' S Long 175° 44' W
Wind S W. fresh in early part. strong latter part. ship on starboard tack in afternoon port tack at night. steered N in forenoon |
| 13 | Sunday Lat 26° 30' S Long 175° 59' W
Fresh breeze from S W. ship running N E in the early part on port tack middle and latter parts, ship Horatio in sight all day |
| 14 | Monday Lat 25° 47' S Long 175° 57' W
Wind from W. fresh in early part. light in the latter part. on port tack previous to 2 1/2 P M. after that in starboard tack. Horatio in sight |
| 15 | Tuesday Lat 26° 30' S Long 175° 30' W
Light breeze from N W in the early part breezed on strong in the night hauled to S W. in the forenoon still strong. ship on starboard tack all day. ship Horatio in sight to windward |
| 17 | Thursday Lat 27° 40' S Long 174° 22' W
Strong breeze from S W. ship on starboard tack. Horatio in sight. occasional squalls |

June

- 19 Saturday Lat 27° 35' S Long 175° 38' W
Strong breeze from S S W. ship on port tack
before 8 A M. after that in starboard tack
signalized the Horatio H in sight all day
- [sketch of a
3 mast ship] Sunday Lat 27° 20' S. Long 175° 45' W.
Strong breeze from S W in early part dying
away to a light breeze in the latter part. ship
on a starboard tack. at 10 A M captain Pevent
on board of the Horatio to spend the day.
- 21 Monday. Light breeze from W. in
the early part. Fresh breeze from N W in
latter part. captain returned from the
Horatio at 9 P M. ship on starboard tack all day
- 22 Tuesday Strong breeze in early part
from N W. latter part from S S W.
ship on the starboard tack. Horatio in sight
- 23 Wednesday Lat 28° 45' S Long 175° 37' W
Light breeze from S W. ship on a starboard
tack afternoon and night. forenoon steered
N E by N. Horatio out of sight. for a change
- 24 Lat 28° 55' S. Long 174° 47' W
Light breeze in the early part from S W.
steering N E by N. middle part by the wind
on port tack wind hauled to N N W. latter
part fresh breeze. ship on port tack
- 25 Friday Lat 28° 32' S. Long 174° 14' W
Fresh breeze from NN W fine weather
ship on starboard tack all day
- 26 Saturday Lat 28° 00' S Long 172° 52' W
Fresh breeze in the early and middle parts
from N W. latter part light breeze from
W ship by the wind on both tacks
saw humpbacks during P M. during
the A M. when the wind shifted between 8
and 9 oclock had rain

June

- 27 Sunday Lat 28° 10' S Long 173° 15' W
First part light breeze from S. middle
part wind hauled to W. latter part
fresh breeze from W. ship on port tack all day
- 28 Monday Lat 27° 12' S Long 173° 43' W
Fresh breeze from S W. to S. fine weather
ship on the port tack
- 29 Tuesday. Lat 26° 40' S. Long 174° 42' W
Light breeze from S to S E. fine weather
ship on port tack

July

- 1 Thursday Lat 28° 10' S Long 177° 12' W
Fresh breeze from S E to N E. ship
on starboard tack after 1 P M. fine weather
- 2 Friday Lat 26° 32' S Long 176° 05' W
Fresh breeze from N N E ship on starboard
tack. put her on port tack at 6 P M.
breezed on fresh. strong in the latter part
with rain showers
- 4 Sunday Lat 26° 38' S Long 175° 15' W
Early part strong from the westward ship on
port tack. latter part light breeze from
same quarter. ship on starboard tack after 10 A M
- 5 Monday Lat 26° 12' S. Long 175° 33' W
Fresh breeze from S W. to S. with a
heavy swell from S. ship on starboard tack
- 6 Tuesday Lat 26° 50' S Long 174° 48' W
Fresh breeze in the first part from S.
latter part less wind from S E. overcast
sky. ship on starboard tack before 8 1/2 A.M.
after that on port tack
- 7 Wednesday No observations, Wind from S E
light in the early part, fresh in the latter part
with rain ship on port tack

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July

- 8 Thursday. Moderate gale from E S E
rain in the first part. ship on port
tack previous to 8 A M. after that on starboard
- 9 Friday Lat 27° 35' S Long 175° 25' W
Strong breeze from E S E. squally
ship on the starboard tack
- 10 Saturday Lat 26° 35' S Long 175° 10' W
Fresh breeze from E S E ship on the star
board tack before 6 P M after that on port tack
- 11 Sunday Lat 26° 58' S Long 175° 25' W
Fresh breeze from E. fine weather
ship by the wind on the port tack
- 13 Tuesday Lat 29° 05' S. Long 175° 05' W
Fresh breeze from N E to N. with a few
squalls of light rain in the morning
ship on the port tack
- 14 Wednesday Lat 29° 24' S. Long 174° 10' W
Fresh breeze from N in the first part. wore
ship to the westward at 1 P M. middle
part strong breeze. latter part wind. hauled
to W. with showers of rain. wore ship to
the northward at 9 A M,
- 16 Friday Lat 28° 23' S Long 174° 45' W
Fresh breeze from S S W fine weather
steered W N W in the afternoon and N W by W
in the forenoon
- 17 Saturday. Lat 27° 30' S. Long 175° 37' W.
Fresh breeze from S steered N part of the
afternoon. by the wind on the port tack the
remainder of the day. fine calm weather
- 18 Sunday Lat 26° 58' S Long 176° 40' W
Fresh breeze from S. squally in latter part
ship on the western tack

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Cruising

July

- 19 Monday Lat 26° 56' S Long 177° 30' W
Commenced with a fresh breeze from S. hauling
to E at 2 P M. squally in the early part
ship on port tack steered W. in the forenoon
- 20 Tuesday Lat 27° 15' S. Long 178° 25' W
Fresh breeze from E. rainy in the latter
part ship on starboard tack all day
with the exception of three hours and a half
between 2 and 5 1/2 P M. when we steered W
- 22 Thursday Lat 27° 12' S. Long 179° 04' W
Fresh breeze from E. fine weather
ship on port tack
- 23 Friday Lat 27° 35' S Long 179° 30' W
Strong breeze in the early and middle parts
latter part moderate gale from E with rain
ship on port tack until 11 A M. after
that on starboard tack
- 24 Saturday. Moderate gale in the early
and middle parts from S E with rain
latter part strong breeze from S. clear. ship
ship on both tacks.
- 25 Sunday Latitude 28° 36' S Long 179° 59 E
Commenced with a strong breeze from S S E
middle and latter parts light breeze from
S E. steered N E during daylight. by the
wind on starboard tack at night
- 26 Monday Lat 28° 28' S Long 179° 48' W
Early part light baffling winds from
S E to N E. middle part light from S E
latter part strong and squally from S E
ship on the starboard tack all day
- 27 Tuesday Lat 28° 05' S Long 179° 02' W
Strong breeze from S E. and squally
weather. ship on the starboard
tack afternoon and forenoon. port tack
at night

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Cruising West

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July

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| 28 | Wednesday. Lat 27° 58' S. Long 179° 11' W.
Strong breeze from S E. ship on the
starboard tack |
| 29 | Thursday. Lat 27° 15' S Long 178° 52' W.
Strong breeze from S E ship on starboard
tack. sighted a whaler at 10 A M on
our lee bow two points. standing toward us |
| 30 | Friday. The whaler proved to be the bark
Swallow, Mc Innis. 110 barrels sperm oil this
cruise. 2800 all told. Capt Mc Innis came
on board of the Milton. and the second mate
of the Milton went on board the Swallow.
(the mate being unwell) and staid the remain-
der of the day. strong breeze from the East
both vessels steering to S W. in the early part.
middle part, on port tack. latter part steered
W. N. W. |
| 31 | Saturday. Commenced with a fresh breeze from
E. both vessels steering W N W. middle part
lay aback on the starboard tack. boat returned
from gamming at 9 P M. latter part wind
freshened to a moderate gale from N N E with
rain. steering W in company with the Swallow |
- August
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| 1 | Sunday. Early part strong breeze from N.
with rain. steering W in company with the
Swallow. at 7 P M. wind hauled to W
in a thunder squall ship by the wind on
port tack. latter part strong breeze ship on
starboard tack |
| 2 | Monday Lat 26° 45' S Long 178° 35' E
Strong breeze from W strong squalls
occasionally. wore ship to the N at 3 1/2 P M.
on port tack remainder of the day. Swallow in sight |
| 3 | Tuesday Lat none, Fresh gale from W and
S W. with heavy squalls. ship on port tack |

[sketch of
3 mast vessel
Swallow]

August

- 4 Wednesday Lat 25° 22' S Long 178° 42' E
Commenced with a fresh gale from S W
wore ship at 1 P M and hauled S S E
wind moderated during the night. wore
ship at 10 P M. latter part strong breeze
from W. wore ship at 10 A M.
- 5 Thursday Lat 25° 12' S. Long 178° 50' E.
Commenced with a strong breeze from
W S W. ship on starboard tack. during
the night the wind hauled to the S. wore
ship and headed to the westward. with a
moderate gale. latter part strong breeze
ship on port tack. saw killers in A M.
- 6 Friday Lat 25° 38' S. Long 178° 30' E.
Strong breezes from S in the early part
hauled to the E in the middle part. ship on
port tack first and middle parts steered
S. W. in latter part
- 7 Saturday Lat 26° 05' S. Long 177° 25' E.
Strong breezes from E to N. hazy weather
steered S W in the first part, by the wind
on starboard tack in the middle part, steered
W by S in the latter part.
- 8 Sunday Lat 26° 35' S. Long 176° 11' E.
Commenced with a fresh breeze from
N rainy weather. wind hauled to W. at
2 1/2 P.M. and cleared. middle and latter
parts light wind from W. ship on starboard tack.
- 9 Monday Lat 26° 55' S. Long 175° 55' E.
Light breeze from W. ship on starboard tack
- 10 Tuesday Lat 27° 28' S. Long 175° 40' E.
Light breeze and fine weather from W
ship on starboard tack until 4 1/2 P M
then ran off to the eastward for a white
water, luffed to at 6 P M on port tack
for remainder of the day

August

- 11 Wednesday. Lat 26° 54' S. Long 175° 30' E.
Light breeze from W. very fine weather. ship on port tack
- 12 Thursday. Lat 26° 05' S. Long 175° 20' E.
First part light breeze from W. tacked ship at
1 P M. tacked again at 6 P M. middle and
latter parts calm. saw a man of war.
- 13 Friday Lat 26° 12' S. Long 175° 15' E.
Commenced with a light breeze from N E
increasing to a fresh breeze from N in the latter
part. steered S W. in the first part on port
tack in middle part. steered W S W in latter
- 14 Saturday Lat 26° 32' S. Long 174° 32' E.
Fresh breeze from N in the first part. from N W
in the middle part with rain, from S S W. in the
latter fine weather. steered W S W in first part.
by the wind starboard tack in middle part
port tack latter part.
- 15 Sunday Lat 26° 40' S. Long 173° 42' E.
Light breeze from S veering to E in the latter
part ship on port tack afternoon and night
steered W by S in the forenoon
- 16 Monday Lat 26° 30' S. Long 173° 10' E.
Light breeze in the first part from N E. latter part
strong and rainy from N W. first part steered
W by S. middle and latter parts starboard tack
- 18 Wednesday Lat 27° 28' S. Long 172° 10' E.
Strong breeze from W. ship on starboard tack
until 6 P M. after that on port tack.
- 19 Thursday Lat 26° 55' S. Long 172° 18' E.
half a gale from W ship on port tack
- 20 Friday Lat 25° 58' S Long 172° 00' E
Commenced with a strong breeze from
W and ended with a light breeze from
SW wore ship at 6 P M. wore back again
at 7 A M.

August

- 21 Saturday Lat 25° 45' S. Long 172° 05' E.
Commenced with light breeze from S
ship on the port tack, middle part calm
yards braced up on the starboard tack
latter part light breeze from N. steered
S W
- 22 Sunday Lat 25° 35' S. Long 171° 48' E.
Moderate breeze from N N W. steered
S W these 24 hours, short sail at night
- 23 Monday. Lat 26° 30' S Long 170° 48' E
Moderate breeze in the early part from N W.
steered S W. the wind commenced to haul
at sundown hauled with the sun completely
around the compass. stood on both tacks
during the night latter part wind N W
strong steered S W
- 24 Tuesday Lat 26° 50' S Long 170° 45' E
Wind from W to S W moderate in afternoon
and night. fresh in the forenoon ship on
starboard tack all day
- 25 Wednesday Lat 28° 02' S. Long 170° 50' E.
Strong wind from W to S. squally ship
on starboard tack until 12 P M. after that
on the port tack
- 26 Thursday Lat 28° 20' S. Long 170° 24' E.
Early part strong wind from SS W. squally
middle part less wind. latter part light breeze
ship on port tack
- 27 Friday Lat 27° 50' S. Long 169° 12' E.
Fresh breeze from S W in the early part
tacked ship at 2 1/2 P M on starboard tack
remainder of the day. latter part strong breeze.
- 28 Saturday Lat 28° 37' S. Long 169° 35' E.
Strong breezes from S W in the early part
S in latter part. ship on starboard tack before
9 P M. after that on port tack

Off and on Norfolk Island

August

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[sketch of
Island]

Sunday Lat 28° 38' S. Long 168° 35' E.
Commenced with a fresh breeze from S
middle part light breeze from S E latter part
light from E S E. ship on port tack until 6 P M
middle part on starboard tack. latter part stood
on the port tack, sighted Norfolk Island at 2 1/2
P M bearing S S W. distant about 45 miles.

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Monday Lat. ----- Light breezes
from E to N and fine weather. stood towards
Norfolk Island on the port tack. headed in again
in the morning. the land being just in sight
from masthead when we went about, being S S E

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Tuesday. Light breeze from N. ship on
the port tack in the afternoon lay aback
on both tacks all night, in the morning ran
for the island. at about 10 1/2 A M. landed
the captain at the town boat stood on shore rest of day
took a pilot on board to direct the work of watering etc
Wednesday. Fresh breeze in the afternoon N W.

Sept

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strong at night with rain latter part strong
boat came off from landing captain at 4 P M.
at 10 A M sent in a raft of 21 casks for water
with three boats towing and pilot in charge

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Thursday half a gale of wind. from S W in lat-
ter part. got on board with the raft of empty
casks at 2 P M. having failed to fill it
it being too rugged at the watering place
stove in. two heads and damaged all the chines
very badly. so much for having a pilot to
engineer the work. after we got the raft on
board stood out to south of the island on
port tack. during the night, the wind hauled
S W. and put us dead to leeward, at daylight
land about ten miles distant. remainder of
the day beating up

Off and on Norfolk Island

September

- 3 Friday. Strong squally weather from S W to W. first and middle parts beating up. latter part sent in a boat on the cascade side. very strong weather.
- 4 Saturday Fresh breezes from W. got off some yams and potatoes. two sheep and various other things from cascades.
- 5 Sunday. fine weather wind N W first part lay off and on cascades brought off yams. latter part mate went in fishing off Phillip Island
- 6 Monday Fine weather in the first part wind light from N W. boat returned from fishing at 5 P M caught 15 trumpeters and a few other fish saw bark Swallow off cascades middle part fresher breeze from N latter part half a gale from N E lay off and on the town. got off 4 boats wood
- 7 Tuesday. Commenced with half a gale from N E. off and on the town until dark took off 4 full loads wood. and two loads bananas, yams and wood. hard work. tore the old jib upper fore topsail, and fore sail. middle part lay on starboard tack blowing a gale from N E with rain. latter part wind moderated and hauled to S W. land bore E at day light about 15 miles off stood toward it bent a new jib and straightened up things generally
- 8 Wednesday Commenced with a fresh breeze from S W working in to the land. middle and latter parts wind light from S W to N to off two boat loads wood in the A. M.
- 9 Thursday First part strong wind from N W off and on the town took off 4 boat loads wood and a few pumpkins, and sweet potatoes middle and latter part strong from S W. sent in a boat at cascades in morning

off and on Norfolk Island

September

- 10 Friday boat came off from shore at 4 P M strong squally weather from S W latter part mate went fishing at Philip Is
- 11 Saturday. first part light wind from S W boat came on board from fishing at 5 1/2 P M. middle part light air from N W latter part light breeze from N N E. bark Alaska arrived. six hundred, 15 m0's out in the latter part we laid aback and fished off the N end of the island. caught a fine lot of fish. trumpeters, groupers and one big fellow weighing one hundred lbs called a war booka heavy swell running from S W all day
- [sketch of fish]
- 12 Sunday. Commenced with a fresh breeze from N E. commenced to rain at 4 P M breezed on to a gale and hauled to W at 9 P M. latter part fresh gale from W. ship on both tacks to the northward of the island
- 13 Monday. Strong gale from W. lay on both tacks to N of the island.
- 14 Tuesday Commenced with a strong gale from W. moderated during the night and hauled by S W. latter part sent in a boat at the cascades. weather fine. captain came on board for a little while
- 15 Wednesday. Weather fine. wind from S W by S. in the afternoon two boats went in to cascades with cloth. in the latter part sent in one boat
- 16 Thursday. Wind from S. fresh breeze. got off two boat loads stuff in the afternoon, which finished the sundries.
- 17 Friday Fresh breeze from S to S E did nothing much during the day but fish

Bound to Bay of Islands

September

- 18 Saturday. Fresh breezes from S E. sent in a boat at the cascades in afternoon, and at the town side in the forenoon
- 19 Sunday Weather fine, wind S E. Capt came on board at 3 P M ship off the town. stood to the S W on port tack bound to Russell. humpback whales very numerous. tacked ship to the eastward at 2 A M.
- 20 Monday Light breeze from E S E tacked to the southward at 1/2 P M land in sight to the N in the afternoon out of sight in the morning
- 21 Tuesday Lat 30° 31' S. Long 167° 40' E. Light breeze from E N E. ship by the wind on port tack under all sail. weather very fine
- 22 Wednesday Lat 31° 54' S Long 168° 24' E. First and middle parts light breeze from E N E latter part fresh from N E stood on port tack under all sail
- 23 Thursday Lat 33° 13' S. Long 169° 56' E. Commenced with a strong breeze from N N E rainy middle and latter parts. ship on port tack
- 24 Friday commenced with a half gale from N with rain. wore ship at 4 P M. during the night wind moderated and hauled to N W wore ship and headed to N E at 6 A M kept off E fro the remainder of the day
- 25 Saturday Lat 33° 41' S. Long 172° 50' E. Fresh breeze from W in the early part. to S W in the latter part. steered E, E S E, S E and by the wind on starboard tack, raised land in the vicinity of cape Brett at 6 A M bearing S. weather fine

[sketch of
island]

At Russell, and bound for right whale grounds

Sept.

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Sunday. Wind moderate from W to S W. beating in towards the bay in the first and middle parts, at the end of the day got in abreast ninepin rock when the wind all died out

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[stamp of an anchor]

Monday. Wind breezed up and we arrived at anchor at 5 P M. ____ consul boarded us about half way down the bay. latter part sent in casks for water and got ready to take it

Oct

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Wednesday. have taken 175 barrels water and patched sail for pastime took on board 18 barrels beef 10 barrels flour and 12 sacks potatoes. (irish) we are ready for sea today. no liberty has been given

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Friday strong weather from N E dead ahead out of the bay. Capt P, wife and baby came on board in the forenoon

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Sunday. at anchor still today wind S W in the latter part but being S did not get under weigh

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Monday got underweigh at 8 A M. calm. hooked on four boats to tow out breeze sprang up from W. at 9 A M hoisted boats. by 12 oclock had got out of the bay

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Tuesday Fresh breeze from W S W fine weather. steered N E. by E. and E by N Lat 34° 10; S. Long 177° 00' E

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Wednesday Fresh breeze from W fine weather steered E by N. and E

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Thursday Lat 34° 24' S Long 179° 00' E. Wind from W to N W. fine weather steered E under all sail. plenty of finbacks

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New Zealand right whale grounds

October

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| 15 | Friday Lat 34° 44' S. Long 178° 46' W.
Fresh breezes from W in the early part
from N N W in the latter part with rains
steered E under all sail. plenty of finbacks |
| 16 | Saturday Strong breezes in the early
and middle parts from N with rain
latter part strong from W. clear
steered E all the 24 hours |
| 17 | Sunday Lat 35° 30' S Long 172° 08' W.
Commenced with a strong breeze from
W. middle part half a gale with squalls
latter part strong and clear from S W
steered E until 3 1/2 P M. when we raised
two right whales off port beam 2 1/2 miles
luffed to the wind and lowered S & W
boats and chased until dark. very rough
water which made bad work for the
boats. could only carry close reefed sail
both boats rudders were wrung badly
whales were working westward slowly saw a
small patch of feed |
| 18 | Monday Lat 35° 05' S. Long 171° 57' W.
Fresh breeze from S in the first part.
light in middle part. latter light from E
stood on starboard tack all day saw
a few finbacks |
| 19 | Tuesday Lat 35° 00' S Long 171° 00' W
Strong breeze from E with bad sea.
running stood on northern tack until
7 P M. after that on southern tack. |
| 20 | Wednesday Lat 35° 35' S Long 171° 05' W,
Strong breeze from N E to E. bad sea
running, during P M. saw two whale ships
to windward stood on port tack all day
at 11 A. M. saw a right whale going to
windward did not lower. plenty of finbacks |

[whale tail
stamp]

[stamp of
whale tail]

New Zealand right whale ground

Oct.

- 21 Thursday. Lat 36° 20' S Long 170° 40' W
Strong weather heavy sea. wind N E to N
lowered for two right whales at 1 P M.
chased fro about 3 1/2 hours. waist boat
went along side of one. the whale heard the
boat and doubled himself. head and flukes
up. back deep. boatsteerer darted and
hit the whale, but the iron did not enter
suppose it struck slack blubber. the
iron came in bent and pin broken. whales
went to windward eyes out. boats got on
board at 4 1/2 P M. at 8 1/2 A M. I saw
two more whales going to windward
did not lower. weather bad, saw a whale ship
to the northward. feed quite plenty
and finbacks too
- 22 Friday No observations. Commenced with
half a gale from N commenced to rain at
3 P M. wind moderated in the latter part
to a light breeze from N W. stopped raining
at 7 A M. foggy the remainder of the day
ship on both tacks
- 23 Saturday Commenced with a light breeze
from N middle part moderate gale with
rain latter part light breeze. fog and rain
all day with now and then a break. saw
a whaling bark supposed to be the Petrel.
stood on port tack all day
- 24 Sunday. Light breeze from N W
[sketch of 3 mast ship "ALASKA"] foggy in first part. clear in latter part
in the morning came three whaling barks
Capt Fisher came on board for a little
while. saw the Petrel whaling
- 25 Monday. Fresh breeze from W N W
[whale stamp] gamming with the Swallow. just before
1/2 night got a right whale in company
got him alongside the Milton at 10 P M. latter
part cut him in finishing at 11 A M.
Lat 36° 30' S Long 169° 10' W

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New Zealand right whale ground

Oct

- 26 Tuesday Lat 36° 25' S Long 169° 00' W
Moderate breeze from N W. saw a right whale at sunset to the wind ward. lowered three boats. but it was too late. commenced boiling at 7 A M. stood on both tacks
- 27 Wednesday Lat 36° 08' S Long 169° 07' W
Commenced with a light breeze from N W. middle and latter parts strong breeze with rain. from N. cooled down at 11 P M on account of the rain
- 28 Thursday Fresh breezes from N W and W foggy in the early part. finished trying out at 10 P M
- 29 Friday Strong breezes from N W with rain in early part stood on both tacks
- 30 Saturday. Lat 35° 48' S Long 169° 00' W
Blowing a moderate gale from N W to S W stood on both tacks. gamming with bark Alaska in the latter part

Nov

- 1 Monday Lat 35° 20' S Long 169° 40' W
Commenced with a calm. breezed up from E during the night latter part strong breeze. steered S W in company with Alaska.
- 2 Tuesday Lat 36° 00' S Long 170° 40' W
Fresh breeze from E fine weather saw the Alaska take a whale at 2 P M. saw the Petrel. and gammed with the Swallow all night
- 3 Wednesday Lat. 36° 00' S Long 171° 00' W
Commenced with a light breeze from E dying away calm at 12 P M. for the rest of the day

[sketch of 3 masted ship]

[sketch of 3 mast ship]

Nov

- 6 Saturday Lat 36° 00' S Long 170° 10' W.
Strong breeze from S E stood on both tacks
by the wind
- 7 Sunday Lat 35° 50' S Long 170° 44' W
Commenced with a fresh breeze from S
[whale tail stamp] raised two right wales at 4 1/2 P M on
ships weather bow lowered three boats
and pulled up got up to the whales
about seven. did on succeed in striking
too late during the night. breeze light worked
the ship up under easy sail. saw the whales
again at day light. lowered the boats at 7 A M.
calm and light airs from S E. bark Petrel
in sight to the southward
- 8 Monday Lat 35° 48' S Long 170° 50' W
Light wind in the first part. boats chasing
[whale stamp] right whales until 6 P M. when the larboard
boat fastened to one. killed him and towed
him to the ship. got on board at 10 1/2 P M
commenced cutting at 5 A M. finished at 10
A M. moderate breeze from N W. Petrel
in sight
- [sketch of
3 mast boat
Petrel] Tuesday Lat 36° 05' S Long 170° 44' W
Fresh breeze from N W. gamming bark
Petrel from 5 1/2 P M to 12 P M. com-
menced trying out at 6 A M.
- 11 Thursday
Wind from N W to S W strong. stood
on both tacks. commenced stowing down
at 5 A M in the main hold. starboard
side. finished boiling at 2 P M.
- 12 Friday. finished stowing and scrubbed
deck by 7 P M. weather strong in the
first and middle parts in the latter
part moderate gale from S stood on
[barrel stamp] port tack under easy sail, not much
weather to look for whales heavy S W
swells running

- New Zealand right whale ground
- Nov 13 Saturday Lat 35° 50' S Long 172° 00' W
Strong breeze from S W to N W
steered off to the S E in the latter part
heavy S W swell
- 14 Sunday Lat 36° 14' S Long 171° 02' W.
Fresh breeze from W steered S E until
sundown. by the wind on both tacks
at night latter part port steered to the
N E saw finbacks and feed. one sail
- 15 Monday Lat 36° 24' S Long 170° 26' W
Fresh breeze from W to N W. fine
weather. working south. saw a little
feed. no finbacks. scraped bone in
latter part and commenced washing
- 16 Tuesday Lat 37° 52' S Long 170° 10' W
Fresh breeze from W very fine weather
steered S E in first part. by the wind.
on port tack in middle part, latter
N E no signs of whales, finished washing bone
- 17 Wednesday Lat 37° 20' S Long 168° 25' W
Light breeze from N W fine weather
steering to N E all day. no life except birds
- 18 Thursday Lay 36° 45' S Long 167° 20' W
Light breeze N W. stood on the port tack.
- 19 Friday Lat 36° 23' S Long 166° 08' W.
Light breeze from N W stood on
port tack until 5 P M. after that on starboard
- 20 Saturday Lat 37° 00' S Long 166° 32' W
Light breeze from W hauling to S.
around to E in latter first and middle
parts stood on the port tack. latter part
steered W by S. nothing seen these 24 hours
- 21 Sunday Lat 37° 18' S Long 167° 03'
Light breeze from E steered W by S in
first part. starboard tack middle part
N W. latter part. fine weather. no fish

New Zealand right whale ground

November

- 22 Monday Lat 36° 50' S. Long 167° 48' W
Fresher breezes from eastward. working
west very fine weather no signs of whales
- 23 Tuesday Lat 36° 25' S. Long 169° 15' W.
Light breeze from E in first part
calm middle part. light breeze in
latter part. steered westward
- 24 Wednesday Lat 36° 18' S. Long 170° 42' W
Fresh breeze from N E and N fine
weather steered west in first part
starboard tack middle part
S W by S. latter part. extremely interesting
- 25 Thursday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 171° 54' W.
Light wind veering from N to N W in
latter part. first part steered S by E
latter part steered S E under all sail
- 27 Saturday Lat 37° 05' S Long 170° 05' W
Strong southwesterly breezes. heavy sea
running, stood on starboard tack previous
to 7 P M. after that on port tack.
- 28 Sunday Lat 37° 40' S. Long 170° 35' W.
Strong S E wind. ship on port tack all day
- 29 Monday Lat 38° 20' S. Long 171° 23' W.
Light airs all round the compass. stood
on port tack first part and middle part
working S. saw a whaling bark at daylight
cutting saw some feed. latter part
calm.
- 30 Tuesday Lat 38° 40' S Long 171° 33' W
Wind from N E. light in first part
fresh in latter part at 3 1/2 P M. raised a
right whale feeding lowered three boats
and got him to bow boat. commenced cutting
at daylight finished at 7 1/2 A M. about 10
A M. raised another whale. lowered three
boats and chased. bark Swallow in sight.
boiling. saw her have her boat down

[whale stamp]

New Zealand right whale ground

December

- 1 Wednesday Lat 38° 53' S Long 171° 27' W.
Fresh breeze from N. chased a right whale until 4 P M. larboard boat went along side of him and missed. boatsteerer went in forecastle. at 6 1/2 A M lowered for two more whales chasing remainder of the day. whales going quick to South. no feed for them here
[whale stamp]
- 2 Thursday Lat 39° 32' S Long 171° 37' W
Strong breeze from N. struck a whale to bow boat got him alongside at 5 P M commenced cutting at day light. finished at 10 A M. started try works at same time
- 3 Friday Lat 39° 55' S Long 171° 20' W
Fresh breeze from N ship on both tacks engaged in boiling
- 4 Saturday Lat 40° 10' S Long 171° 36' W
Fine weather wind light from N to S. and W engaged in boiling all day
- 5 Sunday Lat 39° 40' S Long 171° 36' W.
Finished boiling at 11 P M weather fine wind light from various quarters
- 6 Monday Fresh breeze from N W in first part latter part calm gammed Swallow from 2 P M. to 10 P M. she is bound home soon. wants one more whale she has over three thousand barrels of oil now. saw bark Petrel. commenced stowing down our fare at 5 A M. mail hold. starboard side
[sketch of swallow]
- 7 Tuesday Commenced with a calm breezed up in middle part from N W latter part strong breeze. ship on starboard tack. saw barks Swallow and Petrel. finished stowing oil on starboard side (100 bbls) at 5 P M commenced stowing on port side at 5 A M and finished at noon (38 bbls.)
[barrel stamp with number 138 on it]

New Zealand fight whale ground

December

- 8 Wednesday Lat 41° 02' S Long 171° 21' W
Strong breeze from W ship on both tacks
saw feed and finbacks and two whale ships
- 9 Thursday Lat 42° 02' S. Long 171° 58' W
Strong breeze from W ship on starboard
tack at daylight. commenced scraping bone
- 11 Saturday Lat 42° 20' S. Long 171° 57' W
commenced with at strong breeze from
W died away calm at sunset. breezed
from N at 12 P M latter part strong
breeze from N heavy southerly swell.
- 12 Sunday Lat 42° 00' S Long 170° 30' W
Strong weather N W wind. rainy and foggy stood
on port tack. saw feed in streaks
- 13 Monday Lat 41° 45' S Long 169° 25' W
Strong wind from N W in first and
middle parts increasing to a fresh
gale from S W in latter part. port tack all day
- 15 Wednesday Lat 40° 25' S Long 168° 00' W
Moderate gale from W to N W squally
ship on port tack. no signs of right whales
- 16 Thursday. Commenced with a moderate
gale from W. middle and latter
parts strong breeze from S W ship
on port tack
- 17 Friday Lat 39° 00' S. Long 167° 44' W
First and middle parts fresh breeze
from W. light in latter part. fine weather
ship on port tack. at 5 A M. started washing bone
- 18 Saturday Lat 38° 00' S. Long 168° 08
Fresh breeze from N W stood on port tack
until 6 1/2 P M. after that stood on star-
board tack. finished washing bone at
5 P M.

Toward East Cape sperm whale ground

Dec

- 20 Monday. Commenced with strong breeze from E raining middle part same latter part fresh gale S E rainy. first part steered W. middle and latter parts hove to on port tack
- 21 Tuesday Fresh gale from E S E with rain ship hove to on port tack
- 22 Wednesday. First part gale abating and hauling to N E with rain in squalls. middle part strong and squally. latter part light breeze fine weather
- 23 Thursday. Lat 38° 44' S Long 173° 33' W First part calm middle and latter parts strong breeze from S E stood on starboard tack under easy sail
- 24 Friday Lat 38° 05' S Long 173° 05' W. Fresh breeze from E to S S E. first part steered N W. middle part on starboard tack latter part steered W N W. at 7 A M commenced to fish the bowsprit. several days ago we found it sprung an old place that started afresh about half way from Knightsheads to cap
- 25 Christmas day. Saturday lat 37° 10' S Long 175° 57' W Wind from S E to S. fine weather steered W N W and W 1/2 S. at work fishing bow sprit, during P M. killed hog Jack for Christmas pork.
- 26 Sunday Lat 36° 42' S Long 175° 32' W. Light breezes from S to E steering W 1/2 S finished the bowsprit at 5 P M
- 27 Monday Lat 36° 38' S Long 176° 40' W Light breeze in first and middle parts from N E. latter part fresh from N. steered W S W in first part. after that on starboard tack

Cape East sperm whale ground

Dec

- 28 Tuesday. Lat 36° 40' S Long 178° 02' W.
Fine weather wind from N W to S E
stood on Starboard tack until 7 A M
after that on port tack
- 29 Wednesday Lat 37° 04' S Long 179° 00' W
Wind from S E to E fine weather at 5 P M
[whale stamp] raised sperm whales on weather bow
going south slowly. lowered three boats
struck one in larboard boat at 7 P M
got him along side at 11 P M. latter
part fresh breezes commenced cutting
at 5 A M
- 30 Thursday Lat 37° 04' S. Long 179° 22' W
Fine weather wind E. finished cutting
and cleared away the case at 8 P M.
started try works at 5 A M. ship on
both tacks
- 31 Friday Lat 37° 27' S. Long 179° 14' W.
Light breeze from N E. fine weather en-
gaged boiling. finished junk at 3 A M. and
started on the body.
This ends the year 1886. most
of which time has been spent on
the N G grounds, during the year
have seen sperm whales twice
and right whales ten times
and taken 330 barrels of oil 106 sperm
224 whale

Cape East sperm whale ground.

January

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| 1 | Saturday Lat 37° 22' S. Long 179° 28' W
Light winds from N E with seasonal
fine rain ship on both tacks. engaged
boiling |
| 2 | Sunday weather variable with some rain
wind hauled to S. in latter part and breezed
on to a moderate gale. finished boiling at 9 P M. |
| 3 | Monday Lat 37° 34' S Long 179° 14' W
Moderate gale from S E stood on
both tacks |
| 4 | Tuesday Lat 37° 14' S. Long 179° 43' W
Strong breezes from S E. squally
weather. commenced breaking out
for stowing down. at day light |
| 5
[barrel stamp] | Wednesday Lat 36° 34' S Long 179° 02' W
Continued strong squally weather
from S E, stowed down 106 barrels
of oil by eight P M. ship on both tacks |
| 6 | Thursday Lat 36° 48' S. Long 179° 25' W
about the same weather as yesterday. ship on both tacks |
| 7 | Friday Lat 37° 00' S. Long 179° 28' W
Fresh breeze from S E fine weather
ship on both tacks |
| 8 | Saturday Lat 37° 05' S. Long 179° 33' W.
Light breezes from E. fine weather ship on
both tacks working toward the E |
| 9 | Sunday Lat 37° 05' S. Long 179° 36' W.
First part fresh breeze from E. middle
part light from same quarter. latter part light
from N E ship on both tacks |
| 10
[whale tail stamp] | Monday Lay 36° 25' S Long 179° 02' W
Fresh breeze from N E to N W fine weather
at 9 1/2 A M the ship running A Sunder
topsails a courses. raised three or four sperm
whales on port bow. hove ship to on starboard
tack but did not see the whales again |

Cape East ground cruising

Jan

- 11 Tuesday. Lat 36° 40' S. Long 179° 14' W
Fine weather from W ship on both tacks
- 12 Wednesday Lat 37° 02' S. Long 179° 00' W
Wind W. fine weather. raised sperm
[whale tail stamp] whales at 5 1/2 P M lowered three
boats. pulled up one of the boats got
afoul a whale and gallied him.
came on board at dark. at 5 A M
raised large whales again. lowered
three boats and chased, whales scattered
to the windward of the ship. breezes light.
- 13 Thursday Lat 37° 35' S. Long 179° 18' W
Struck a whale in waist boat. soon
killed him got him along side at 4 1/2 P M
larboard and bow boats off chasing another
whale. they chased him until the boat
could barely be seen from the ships mast-
head. dead to leeward the larboard boat
went alongside of the whale once and missed
him. went alongside the second time and struck
the whale stove and capsized the boat and
went off a little way and lay still. the
mate sent the bow boat to the whale to
try to kill him. while he and his crew
were hanging on to the stoven boat.
[whale stamp with the number
145 written above
the whales back] which was very risky. the ship being
eight or nine miles to windward
suppose the bow boat had been stoven
and made helpless. what a fix they all
would have been in. the third mate used
all his bomb lances on the whale but did not
kill him and finally cut from him and
went to look for the mate and found him
after dark with his boat right side up. and a
lantern burning which he managed to start
if it had not been for the light he would not
have found him. the ship ran before the wind
from 5 P M. until 11 1/2 P M. picked the
boats at 12 P M. the cooper was taken very
sick with colic when all the work was done

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East Cape sperm whale ground

Jan

- 13 Continued / commenced cutting at day light
weather very fine wind from W
- 14 Friday while cutting off the head with
the scalp bone raised with one tackle
the fin chain that was around the scalp
parted and let the bone down directly on
the mate, carried away the stage and
smashed things generally. the mate was
was badly hurt no bones broken, but
very much bruised. the second mate es-
caped with a few scratches. there was no one
else on the stage. it was a wonder that
some one was not killed. the head was
a remarkably hard cutting one, and the
spades not being very sharp, it made
very hard work. we succeeded in
getting the head clear. and part of the
body in before dark. in the forenoon
we hove the body in. wind very light
from various quarters. the mate suffers
considerable pain. and the cooper is very
sick so that we are somewhat crippled
- Lat 15 Friday first part hove in the lard
and boiled case. middle part started
try works. latter part cutting junk and
putting it in tank. very fine weather
wind light from E. invalids about the course
- 16 Sun Lat 37° 48' S Long 179° 43' W
Wind light from N E to N. fine weather
engaged boiling body blubber
- 17 Monday Lat 37° 40' S Long 179° 12' W
Fine weather wind from N to N W
engaged boiling. cooper still very sick
with severe pains in the bowels. mate
improving some but suffers considerable
pain. he is well enough to crawl on
deck

East Cape sperm whale ground

January

- 18 Tuesday continued fine weather wind variable finished boiling at 9 P M. latter part commenced breaking out port side main hold to stow down
- 19 Wednesday Fine weather wind light and variable with fog squalls now and then engaged stowing down. rather slow work with no cooper. cooper about the same no visible improvement
- [barrel stamp]
- 20 Thursday. weather the same as yesterday finished stowing oil in latter part main hold nearly blocked off. only wants two or three small casks more invalids slowly improving
- 21 Friday Lat 36° 36' S. Long 179° 03' W Wind light from N E. weather too fine very warm for this latitude first part finished stowing off. washed decks. got out a new boat from larboard cranes. and took in stoven one. middle part lay aback under lower topsails latter part ran south under main tpsls started fixing, cutting. stage with nothing to do in with. cooper and mate improving
- 22 Saturday Lat 36° 55' S. Long 179° 12' W Wind E fine weather. stood on southern tack. second mate at work on stage
- 23 Sunday Lat 37° 42' S. Long 179° 28' W First part fresh breeze from E fine weather. latter part strong breeze from N E with rain in squalls. stood on both tacks finished and put out cutting stage
- 25 Tuesday Lat 37° 42' S. Long 179° 30' W Light airs from N and E. working north. no improvement in the coopers health. he wants opium all the time. cannot sleep without it

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Toward Norfolk Island

January

- 26 Wednesday Lat 37° 30' S Long 179° 37' W
light winds from E. steering to N and W
no improvement in the cooper. the
mate slowly recovering his injuries
- 27 Thursday Lat 37° 00' S Long 179° 46' W
Light winds from N to S E. latter part
calm steered N W by N. these 24 hours
no visible change for the better in the cooper
- 28 Friday Lat 36° 42' S. Long 180° 00'
Light airs from various points
with spells of calm. working the ship
to the N W. toward Norfolk island
- 29 Saturday Lat 36° 28' S Long 179° 25' W
Weather same as yesterday
- 30 Sunday Lat 35° 30' S Long 179° 55' E
Took a breeze from E S E in the early
part which lasted fresh through
the day with squalls of fine rain
steered N W and N W by W under all sail
At 6 1/2 P M raised two large sperm
whales on ships starboard bow 4 points
two miles off. stood towards them a
little while and lowered W. B. I. S.
boats in pursuit. the whales staid
down quite a while when they came
up they were too far away to
be struck. night came on and we
were forced to give them up went aboard
and squared away on our course
cooper no better. the mate slightly better
- [whale's tail
stamp]
- 31 Monday Lat 33° 58' S Long 178° 28' E
First part fresh breeze from E S E with
squalls of drizzle middle part wind
hauling to S latter part to S W with
squalls of drizzle steered N W by W
and W by N. no change for the better
in the cooper he is very sick and will go
on shore at Norfolk Island if he lives long enough

Toward Norfolk Island

Feb

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| 1 | Tuesday Lat 32° 40' S. Long 177° 12' E
Light baffling winds. with calms |
| 2 | Wednesday Lat 31° 55' S. Long 176° 07' E |
| [sketch of
skull and
crossbones] | Light airs from every where. latter
part calm. working west as fast as
possible. At 4 P M. Robert Gibbs
cooper of the ship died. having been
sick since the 13th January. he was
taken with violent pains in the bowels
which lasted about 18 hours and left
him very much prostrated. he suffered
some pain in his right side all
through his sickness. he had great
difficulty in getting sleep and begged
constantly for opium. which the captain
gave him occasionally. in doses as large
as one hundred and twenty drops of
laudanum. The deceased was a native
of Waterford, England and was about
40 years old. the last days of his life
were spent in the deck house. where he
had constant care. At 8 A. M. the
ship was hove to with the maintopsail to
the mast. all hands mustered in the
waist and the body buried in the sea
The ships company have lost a genial
companion and shipmate, as well as a
first class man. for the position he held |
| 4 | Friday Lat 32° 24' S. Long 175° 00' E
Continued light weather. ship making slow progress |
| 5 | Saturday Lat 31° 56' S. Long 174° 20' E
Fresh breeze from N E and N. steering W N W
under all sail |
| 6 | Sunday Lat 31° 05' S. Long 172° 12' E
Fresh breeze from N N W until 9 A. M
when wind hauled to S W and commenced
to rain remainder of the day calm rainy
steered by the wind on starboard tack
when we had a breeze |

[sketch of
sail & flag]

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- 7 Monday. Calm in first part. at 6 P M took a breeze from S S E steered N W by W 1/2 W the rest of the day. rainy all day in spells
- 14 Monday Lat 30° 00' S. Long 167° 57' E
The past week has been an extremely dull one. have had the wind from S E strong. sometimes blowing moderate gale. thick overcast weather. not fit for anything today succeeded in getting reliable observations we are waiting for better weather to touch at Norfolk Island no use to go there with this weather. mean while we wait and grumble. and the season speeds away
- 17 Thursday Lat 29° 18' S Long 168° 17' E
Have had moderate gale from S E veering to S W since last writing. today weather much better. wind S in the morning steered for the island. at 4 P M. spoke bark John and Winthrop, Poole. with a Norfolk Island pilot inbound she reported 630 barrels oil
- 18 Friday. First part light breeze from S middle part calm latter part light E N E. found ships chronometer wrong raised land at 10 1/2 A M. 50 miles to the westward of where we reckoned it to be
- [sketch of land]
- 19 Saturday Light winds from eastward steering for the land in first part laid aback middle part. captain went on shore at town at 10 A M
- 20 Sunday First part light winds from E S E off and on town. took off 3 bags sweet potatoes and a quarter of beef. middle part calm. latter part fresh breezes from E S E

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Off and on Norfolk Island

Feb

- 21 Monday. First part strong breeze from E S E. gamming bark J & W middle part breezing on to a moderate gale in the latter part with rain ship off S W of the island. J & W in sight split foretopsail at 10 A M
- 22 Tuesday. first part and middle parts moderate gale from E S E. with rain latter part. strong breeze during forenoon bent another lower foretopsail
- 23 Wednesday First and middle parts strong breeze from E S E raining latter part strong breeze, no rain at 9 A M. took observations and reckoned land to be 40 miles east of us. John and Winthrop in sight all day. first part to windward. latter part to leeward
- 24 Thursday strong breeze from E sighted land at daylight to wind ward at 10 A M split flying jib
- 25 Friday fresh breeze from E bent new flying jib. middle part lay to the windward of the island under easy sail, in morning ran in off the town put chief mate ashore to recover his injuries received Jan 13th took on boat load sundry. recruits bark C W Morgan arrived bound north to the arctic. Smith master, John and Winthrop still here, weather fine in latter part
- 26 Saturday Light weather from E N E ship off town afternoon and forenoon taking off recruits
- 27 Sunday Light wind from N E first part took off some recruits, latter part ship out south of Philip Island

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Towards the middle ground
Feb 28 Monday. Light airs from E to N
with quite a swell. latter part
sent in on boat. bad landing
ship lay off and in south of the islands

March 1 Tuesday. Light wind from N.
off and on town got all stuff off
during A M.

2 Wednesday Light winds from N & E
Captain Peame on board at 6 P M
and we steered S by E the remain-
der of the day. ship four men
one boatheader. one boatsteerer two
foremasthands. Manual Silva was
broken as a boatsteerer but still lives
in the steerage as a ship keeper

3 Thursday. Continued light northerly
wind steering S by E

5 Lat 30° 44' S Long 167° 14' E

6 Sunday Lat 31° 28' S Long 166° 06' E

7 Monday Lat 30° 55' S Long 166° 30' E
Fresh breeze from S E stood on port
tack after 12 P M. before that on starboard

8 Tuesday Lat 31° 00' S Long 166° 30' E
Fine weather fresh breeze from S E
stood on port tack all day

9 Wednesday Lat 32° 06' S Long 165° 45' E
First part fresh breeze from S E
middle and latter parts light breeze from
N E steering S by W

10 Thursday Lat 33° 20' S Long 165° 12' E
Light airs from N and N W
steering S S W

Middle ground

- March 11 Friday Lat 33° 45' S. Long 164° 25' E
Fine weather wind north light
steered S by W during 24 hours
- 12 Saturday Lat 34° 45' S Long 163° 59' E
Commenced with a light breeze from
N and ended with a fresh breeze
fine weather. steering S S W
- 13 Sunday Lat 35° 50' S. Long 162° 48' E
Fresh breeze from N steered S S W
until 6 1/2 P M then hove to on starboard
tack. wore round at 8 1/2 A M
weather hazy poor seeing
- 14 Monday. Lat 36° 10' S. Long 162° 16' E
Moderate breeze from N. cloudy
stood on the port tack
- 15 Tuesday Lat 36° 15' S. Long 163° 03' E
Light wind from N cloudy weather
steered S S E until 4 P M. after
that stood starboard tack. in the
morning took down boat stoven
12 jam's to mend here
- 17 Thursday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 162° 15' E
- 19 Saturday Lat 35° 50' S. Long 162° 17' E
- 20 First part calm middle part breezed
up from N E stood on starboard tack
latter part fresh breeze steered S.
- 21 Monday Lat 36° 00' S Long 161° 30' E
These 24 hours commenced with a
strong breeze from N N E. latter part
half a gale steered S. until 6 1/2 P M
then hove to on port tack
- 22 Tuesday Lat 37° 08' S. Long 162° 30' E
Strong breeze from N W stood on
port tack. finished mending the
boat and put her overhead, at 4 P M

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Middle ground

March 24

Thursday Lat 36° 38' S Long 164° 35' E
Moderate wind from N W. hazy
weather stood on starboard tack

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Saturday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 164° 45'E
Commenced with a fresh breeze from N N W
breezed on to a moderate gale in the
middle part. stood on starboard tack

27

Sunday Lat 36° 52' S. Long 163° 40' E
Commenced with a strong breeze
from the N W ship on starboard in middle
part wind breeze3d on to a moderate
gale. wind hauled in latter part to
S. at 7 A M. kept off N W for
the remainder of the day

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Tuesday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 161° 45' E
First part strong breeze from S E
latter part light breeze overcast
sky

30

Wednesday Lat 36° 10' S Long 161° 20' E
Fine weather. wind N E light stood
on both tacks

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Thursday Lat 36° 30' S. Long 161° 35' E
Commenced with a fresh breeze from
N E. wind freshened and hauled to
N during the night. latter part strong
stood on port tack

April

2d

Saturday Lat 36° 15' S Long 164° 00' E

3

Sunday Lat 36° 00' S Long 163° 27' E

5

Tuesday Lat 34° 55' S. Long 163° 30' E
These 24 hours have had a fresh breeze
from S veering to E S E in middle
part stood on port tack until
8 1/2 A M. then steered W cloudy
weather nothing seen

Middle Ground

- April 6 Wednesday Lat 34° 30' S Long 162° 45' E
Fresh breeze fine weather from E steered west until sundown after that on port tack
- 8 Friday Lat 35° 07' S Long 161° 40' E
Light breeze from E very fine clear weather steered W by S. afternoon and forenoon T night on starboard tack short sail
- 9 Saturday Lat 35° 09' S. Long 161° 09' E
Light breeze from E S E fine weather steered W by S. during daylight.
- 10 Sunday Lat 35° 27' S. Long 160° 18' E
Wind and weather the same as yesterday steered W by S until sunset. after that stood on starboard tack.
- 11 Monday Lat 35° 20' S. Long 159° 32' E
Light breeze from N weather fine steered W by S. until 4 P M after that. by the wind on starboard tack until 6 P M. wore round for the night under short sail latter part steered E. saw grampuses, sulphur bottom, and porpoises
- 13 Wednesday Lat 35° 30' S. Long 160° 41' E
Commenced with a light breeze from S hauling to S E and freshening latter part strong squally weather. ship on starboard tack
- 14 Thursday Lat 34° 58' S. Long 161° 32' E
Strong breeze in first part, latter half gale from E. squally stood on starboard tack at 8 A M raised a school of small whales a large number of sows and calves within a quarter of a mile of the ship lowered three boats and used oars waist boat fastened in about 15 minutes larboard and bow boats fastened afterward. the school put off to leeward and soon went out of sight
- [whale stamp with number 3 under it]

Middle ground

- April 15 Friday Lat 34° 17' S. Long 161° 45' E
Continued strong rugged weather
got the three whales alongside at
2 P M. got ready to cut. hooked on
and tore off the pieces and gave it
up until morning. called all hands
at 5 1/2 A M hooked on again with
the whales to leeward cutting the
remainder of the day. bad sea running
- 16 Saturday Continued strong, squally
weather from N E. to N. finished
cutting at 2 P M. cleared away the head
by 5 1/2 P M. started try works at
9 A M
- 17 Sunday Lat 34° 55' S. Long 162° 00' E
Strong breezes from N squally
lay on both tacks, boiling
- 18 Monday Lat 35° 00' S. Long 162° 20' E
Strong weather from N. squally
stood on port tack. finished boiling
at 12 P M
- 19 Tuesday. Continued bad weather
the wind hauling from N to S E
had steady rain from 10 P M. to the end
- 20 Wednesday. Continued bad weather
wind S S E blowing half a gale
very bad cross sea running stood
on starboard tack. saw large
numbers of birds in flocks. a black
kind about the size of a pigeon
had rain the greater part of the day
- 21 Thursday Commenced with a half
gale from S S E with the ship on star
board tack wore ship at 4 1/2 P M wind
increased to a gale at dark. during
the night the wind hauled to S W and
blew heavily until 9 A M. when it
moderated

Off and on Norfolk Island

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34° 20' L

[barrel stamp]

Friday Lat 34° 20' S. Long 164° 10' E
Commenced with moderate weather
from S W heavy swell running
steering N N E. pumped ship in the
day watch and found considerable
water in the ship it took an hour and
a half to free her with one pump
at day light started breaking out
fore hold starboard side ready for
oil found 9 middle tier casks rotten
put the oil in the ground tier(65 barrels

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Saturday. These 24 hours have had
a strong breeze from S E heavy swell
running finished stowing off at 10 A M.
filled middle tier with salt water
rain showers occasionally

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Sunday. Lat 31° 40' S. Long 165° 48' E

May 6

[sketch of
island]

Friday. Since last writing we
have had moderate weather from
S and E for the most part
on the 26th of April we sighted
Norfolk Island on the 28th made a
launching. At 5 P M today made
sail and left the island. took some
recruits on board, potatoes, bananas,
and so forth. the mate came on
board and resumed duty. bound
from Norfolk Island to the Bay of
Islands

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Saturday Lat 29° 48' S. Long 168° 34' E
Commenced with a fresh breeze from N N E
middle part came on strong squally
weather with rain latter part strong breeze
steered E S E bound to the Bay

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Sunday Lat 30° 58' S Long 170° 12' E
Commenced with a strong breeze from N E
middle part moderate gale with rain
latter part light breeze from E
course E S E

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Toward the Bay

- May 9 Monday Lat 31° 38' S. Long 170° 40' E
Light winds from E to N with a heavy
S E swell course E S E
- 10 Tuesday Lat 32° 14' S. Long 171° 00' E
Moderate breezes from N to N W
with a large head swell course E S E
commenced washing the ship with lye
after breakfast
- 11 Wednesday Lat 32° 40' S, Long 172° 10' E
Moderate breezes from N W to W
steering S E by E
- 12 Thursday Lat 33° 32' S. Long 173° 20' E
Fresh breezes from W N W course
S E by S at day break sighted land
in the vicinity of Cape Brett.
Cavalli Island bearing S by E
20 miles
- [sketch of island]
- 13 Friday. Commenced with fine
weather. light breeze from N W
ship heading the in bay under all
sail. came to anchor at 3 1/2 P M
found two whale ships at anchor
off Russell. the Horatio and Niger
middle and latter parts squally
and rainy weather from N.
started washing ship outside at 8 A M
- [stamp of an anchor]
- 14 Saturday. These 24 hours have
had strong squally weather from
N in the first part finished
washing ship in the latter part
started tarring down. got a
cooper from Kits Kits
- 15 Sunday. weather the same as yesterday
- 16 Monday continued squally weather
broke out shook to set up

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Bay of Islands

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May

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Tuesday. weather fine from S W
cooper setting up shooks and
the rest getting ready to take out
bowsprit preparatory to putting
in a new one

June

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Saturday Since last writing the ship
has been lying at anchor at Russell
have done considerable work. the weather
has been bad. plenty of rain. we tarred
down fore and aft. put in a new bow
sprit shipped 620 bbls oil by German
bark Rud Josephy set up shooks
to replace casks sent home. took
six hundred barrels fresh water
painted ship outside. gave two days
liberty to each watch took wood
and provisions, at 8 A M today
got under way to go out with a
light air from S. two boats ahead towing
six of our men ran away and were
all caught. one (the cook) was very near
dead when found, from exposure and
hunger. he was discharged and the
4th mate too. shipped a cook. and
a fourth mate

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Sunday. These 24 hours have had
light winds from various quarters
with rain occasionally. at 12 m. wind
came from N E. called the boats aboard
the ship being off the Black rocks
wore ship around and ran back
and anchored off Tarpekka point
at 1 1/2 P M. lay at anchor the remain
der of the day

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Monday Commenced with light variable
winds ship at anchor off Tarpekka point
middle part the same. latter part light
breeze from W S W. got under way at
sunrise and at 12 P M we were
well out of the mouth of the bay
weather fine

Vasques Ground

- June 28 Tuesday. Fresh breezes from N W to S W. steered to the northward and eastward under easy sail
- 29 Wednesday Lat 33° 05' S. Long 176° 20' E
Commenced with strong squally weather from S W. middle part half a gale ship hove to on port tack under lower main topsail latter part weather some what better course N N E
- 30 Thursday Lat 31° 55' S. Long 176° 40' E
Strong squally weather from E to S courses N by E and N E by N.
- July 1 Friday Lat 30° 20' S. Long 177° 37' E
Strong squally weather from S E course N E
- 2 Saturday Lat 28° 55' S Long 179° 15' E
Fine weather during this day. wind fresh from S S E. steered N E and N E by E. saw a number of finbacks
- 3 Sunday Lat 27° 48' S. Long 178° 30' W
Strong breeze from S S E course N E by E
- 4 Monday Lat 26° 42' S. Long 176° 20' W
Strong breeze with heavy squalls from S E. steered N E by E until 6 P M then put her under lower topsails on starboard tack for the remainder of the day. so ends the **Glorious Fourth**
- 5 Tuesday Lat 26° 03' S. Long 175° 37' W
Fresh breeze from S E fine weather
- 6 Wednesday Lat 26° 15' S. Long 176° 15' W
Fresh wind from S E fine weather stood on both tacks no life seen watches busy overhauling boat tackles and reeming new falls of 2 1/2 in rope.

Vasques Ground

- July 7 Thursday Lat 25° 55' S. Long 176° 16' W
Fine weather wind from E stood on both tacks
- 9 Saturday Lat 26° 25' S. Long 176° 12' W
Light breeze from N E hauling to W during the night. fine weather stood on both tacks
- 11 Monday Lat 26° 15' S. Long 175° 32' W
Commenced with a strong breeze from S S W moderating to a light breeze in the latter part. ship by the wind on both tacks.
- 12 Tuesday These 24 hours commenced with a light breeze from S W and ended with a strong one from same quarter weather fine. saw a whale ship to windward supposed to be the California
- 13 Wednesday Lat 25° 35' S. Long 175° 46' W
Fresh breezes from S. squally. stood on the port tack. ship California in sight to the westward
- 14 Thursday Lat 25° 00' S. Long 176° 30' W
Fresh breeze from S. occasional light squalls. stood on the port tack until 3 P M. then on the starboard the remainder of the day. the California went out of sight to the westward at 4 P M
- 15 Friday Lat 25° 24' S. Long 175° 43' W
Light wind from S to E. stood on both tacks
- 16 Saturday Lat 25° 26' S. Long 175° 14' W
Commenced with a light breeze from N E increasing to a strong one in the latter part from N. steered S during the afternoon. on port tack at night. steered S E in the forenoon
- 17 Sunday Lat 26° 00' S. Long 176° 00' W
Commenced with half a gale from N had heavy squalls during the night wind hauled to W steered S W until sunset after that on port tack

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July

- 18 Monday Lat 26° 16' S. Long 174° 56' W
These 24 hours have had fine weather
with a fresh breeze from W stood on
both tacks nothing transpires worthy of note
- 19 Tuesday Lat 26° 34' S. Long 175° 25' W
Continued fine westerly weather
cruising by the wind. chill music
- 21 Thursday Lat 27° 15' S. Long 175° 35' W
Blowing a gale from W
ship on the port tack
- 23 Saturday Lat 25° 55' S. Long 175° 25' W
Strong squally weather from W to N W
stood on both tacks and so ends the day
- 25 Monday Lat 26° 12' S. Long 175° 56' West
Commenced with a strong breeze from N
hauling to N W and breezing on to a
gale in middle part stood on
starboard tack
- 27 Wednesday Lat 26° 44' S. Long 176° 46' W
Fresh breeze from W heavy swell
running stood on port tack. at 9 A M
raised breaches on lee bow 3 miles off
at 11 raised spouts on lee beam
made them out sperm whales
lowered three boats at 11 3/4 and chased
- 28 Thursday Lat 25° 50 S. Long 176° 45' W
Commenced with fresh breeze from
W hauling to S E in the latter part
weather fine but a heavy swell running
three boats away chasing sperm whale
at 5 1/2 P M. bow boat struck a whale
the other two boats chased off after the school
to the leeward larboard boat struck a
whale, one whale staid around the first one
and was inclined to fight. the waist boat
pulling up to the fast boat the loose whale
went for him and knocked the boat S with his
head. stove and capsized the boat and made a

[whale stamp]

		Vasques Ground
July		mess generally. the larboard boat parted her line and picked up the remains of the waist boat got on board with the wreck at 9 P M. one whale this day to bow boat at daylight started cutting finished at noon saw breeches did not find out what they were
	29	Friday Lat 25° 38' S. Long 176° 19' W these 24 hours have had a moderate breeze from E ship on port tack after breakfast put out a boat for waist cranes, and started try works at daylight sighted ship Horatio on weather quarter. she ran down to us and Capt Morse came on board for a little while had seen whales twice since leaving the bay and taken 50 barrels
[sketch of Horatio]		
	30	Saturday Fresh breeze from E fine weather lay on both tacks boiling ship Horatio in sight
	31	Sunday Lat 25° 58' S. Long 176° 45' W These 24 hours have had fresh breeze from E to N E ship on starboard tack finished trying out at 4 P M. Capt Morse and Lady of Horatio came on board at 9 A M. commenced raining at 10 A M
August		
	1	Monday Wind light from N E in first part with rain. middle part strong from W latter part the same. stood on port tack in company with Horatio. Capt M, and wife returned at 6 P M. commenced stowing down at 7 A M. in fore hold port side
[barrel stamp with number 45]		
	2	Tuesday Lat 25° 35' S. Long 176° 58' W These 24 hours have had strong weather from S W hauling to S E in middle stood on port tack Kept off S W at 7 A M in company with Horatio. finished stowing down at 6 P M 45 barrels

August

- 3 Wednesday Lat 26° 04' S. Long 178° 13' W
Light winds commencing from E and
hauling to N W in latter part. steered
W by the wind on port tack at night
ship Horatio in company with us
- 4 Thursday Lat 26° 10' S. Long 178° 44' W
Commenced with a light breeze from W
latter part strong breeze from S.
the Horatio went out of sight at sundown
- 5 Friday Lat 26° 18' S. Long 179° 20' W
Strong squally weather from the S.
working to the westward
- 6 Saturday Lat 26° 00' S. Long 179° 18' E
Light winds from S E to S W fine
weather, working the ship to the westward
- 7 Sunday Lat 25° 38' S. Long 178° 34' E
Light winds and calm fine weather
- 9 Lat 26° 04' S. Long 177° 30' E
10 Lat 25° 35' S. Long 177° 12' E
11 " 25° 00' S. " 176° 33' E
- 13 Saturday Lat 25° 24' S. Long 176° 05' E
Since last writing have had strong
breezes for the most part from W to S.
working the ship to the westward
- 14 Sunday Lat 25° 18' S. Long 174° 50' E
Strong breeze from S E course S W
- 15 Monday Lat 25° 35' S. Long 173° 45' E
Fresh breeze from S E course W S W
- 16 Thursday Lat 26° 35' S. Long 171° 27' E
Fresh breeze from E course W S W

North of Norfolk Island

- August 17 Wednesday Lat 26° 56' S. Long 169° 28' E
Strong breeze from E N E commenced
to rain at 4 P M. steered W S W
until 3 1/2 P M luffed to on starboard
tack wore round at 11 P M rainy
- 20 Saturday since last writing have
had blowy, rainy weather from E
ship on both tacks under easy sail
nothing of importance happening
- 22 Monday Lat 26° 25' S. Long 168° 03' E
Sun' and Mon weather fine. wind E
fresh stood on both tacks by the wind
- 23 Tuesday Lat 27° 27' S. Long 167° 43' E
[sketch of Moderate breeze from E S E fine weather
mast & sails] sighted a whale ship at 9 A M
supposed to be the California
- 24 Wednesday Lat 27° 88' S. Long 167° 51' E
Moderate breeze from S E fine weather
stood on starboard tack. California
went out of sight to the westward at sun-
down
- 25 Thursday Lat 26° 28' S Long 168° 50' E
Strong breeze from S E stood on star-
board tack until 6 P M. then tacked
- 26 Friday. Strong S E weather stood
on both tacks
- 27 Saturday Lat 26° 59' S Long 167° 16' E
Continued strong winds from S E
the vessel on both tacks
- 28 Sunday Lat 27° 13' S. Long 167° 20' E
Fresh breeze from S E fine weather
stood on the port tack
- 29 Monday Lat 28° 18' S. Long 166° 30' E
Fresh breeze from E fine weather
stood on both tack working up to
Norfolk Island

- Off and on Norfolk Island
- August 30 Tuesday Lat 29° 45' S. Long 166° 38' E
Continued fine weather from E
ship under all sail working up
- 31 Wednesday Lat 28° 52' S. Long 167° 05' E
Fresh breeze from E ship on both tacks
working up toward Norfolk Island
saw a whale ship to leeward.
- Sept 1 Thursday Lat 29° 20 ' S. Long 167° 30' E
Continued fresh breeze from N E
[sketch of island] saw Norfolk Island at 10 A M bearing
E by N dist 40 miles
- 2 Friday Lat 29° 15' S. Long 167° 50' E
Fresh breezes from N E to N W fine weather
working up toward Norfolk. two ships
off and on island
- 3 Saturday Off and on Norfolk. Landed
the Captain and lady at 10 A M at town
the ships California and Horatio
lying off and on too. wind from N W fresh
- 4 Sunday Wind from N W to W S W
half gale in latter part boat returned
at 3 P M ship Horatio left the island
- 5 Monday Wind from W S W. blowing
a moderate gale. ship lying off N W
of the island. latter part took in the
jib to mend ship California in
sight to windward
- 6 Tuesday Fresh breeze from S W
finished and put out the jib
- 10 Saturday since last writing the weather
has been strong yesterday and today
the weather has been better wind from W
starboard watch have had two days
run. the port went on theirs this morn

Off and on Norfolk Island	
Sept 15	Thursday since last entry the weather Sun, Mon Tues, was fine. the port watch returned Monday at noon. the mate came on board Tuesday. Wednesday the weather came on rainy from E. with a rapidly falling barometer. today the wind increased to a violent gale at 10 P M. at 12 P M lost the waist boat with all her gear the ship being hove to on starboard tack under lower main topsail and foretopmaststay sail the land being to the south of us. Before daylight the wind fell to a strong breeze. ship on port tack after 1 A M.
[sketch of waist boat hanger]	
16	Friday. Commenced with a light breeze from S and E heavy swell running rainy weather. during the night wind backed to S W and blew a moderate gale for the rest of the day ship hove to on both tacks
17	Saturday Lat 28-30 S. Long 167° 30 These 24 hours have had a stiff gale from S W lay to under storm canvas on both tacks
18	Sunday Blowing a fresh gale from S W lay to on both tacks took observations and found the land bearing S S E 25 miles dist. weather rainy in _____
19	Monday Light wind from S W and squally weather land bearing S by E 40 miles dist.
20	Tuesday. Light baffling wind from S and W working up to the land as fast as possible land in sight to the windward
21	Wednesday first part light wind from S W middle part fresh breeze latter part strong working up to the land bad sea running

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Toward right whale ground

Sept 22 Thursday Commenced with strong breeze
from S W middle part fresh from
W latter part light from W N W
sent a boat in at Cascade Bay at 9 A M

23 Friday. Light breeze in the first part
from W N W. middle and latter parts
fresh breeze from same quarter
The Captain and family came on board
at 5 P M. Steered E by S. the remainder
of the day under all sail

24 Saturday Fresh breeze from W N W
to S W. with rain in the latter part
Steered E by S for right whale ground

25 Sunday Lat 30° 15' S. Long 172° 45' E
Strong breeze from W N W course E S E
a sea stove in gangway board at 6 A M

26 Monday Lat 31° 30' S. Long 174° 57' E
Fine weather wind variable from W S W
to N N W steered E S E. wind light in the
night. fresh in afternoon and forenoon

27 Tuesday Lat 32° 18' S. Long 176° 40' E
Strong breeze from N W to N. with rain
showers in latter part. course E S E

28 Wednesday Fresh breeze from W
fair weather. course E

29 Thursday Lat 34° 05' S Long 178° 27' West
Continued fair weather from W fresh breeze
course East

30 Friday Lat 34° 28' S. Long 175° 30' W
Fine weather wind W course E 1/2 S.

October 1 Saturday Lat 34° 53' S. Long 173° 28' W
Fine weather wind from N N W course E 1/2 S.

		New Zealand Right Whale Ground
Oct	2	Sunday Lat 35° 40' S. Long 171° 25' W Wind from N weather squally steered S E until dark then came to on starboard tack for the night. in the morning kept off S S W
	3	Monday Lat 36° 22' S. Long 171° 45' W These 24 hours have had variable weather rainy breeze sometimes light sometimes fresh steered S S W until 7 P M. on port tack the rest of the day. no signs of right whales at 7 A M took down a new boat for the larboard cranes to replace one lost Sept 15
	4	Tuesday Lat 36° 35' S. Long 171° 08' W Light breeze for the most part with an occasional rain squall. Lay on the port tack under short sail
	5	Wednesday Lat 36° 32' S Long 170° 30' W Commenced with light breeze from N W squally weather. during the night it breezed on to a stiff gale with rain which lasted the remainder of the day. ship on port tack
	6	Thursday. Blowing a moderate gale from S W ship hove to under storm sails
	7	Friday. Strong breeze from S W squally weather. lay on the port tack.
	8	Saturday Lat 34° 50' S. Long 170° 33' W This day began with fresh breeze from S W the wind gradually dying away to a light air from S in latter part. stood on both tacks
	9	Sunday. Lat 34° 37' S. Long 170° 39' W Calm in the first part. middle and latter parts light breeze from N E stood on port tack put out a new larboard boat on waist cranes to replace the one lost off Norfolk Island Sept 15 the one that was lost was the larboard boat being hoisted on the waist cranes on the 28th July. it being more convenient to put her there at the time

[sketch of
new larboard
boat]

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		New Zealand right whale ground
Oct	10	Monday. Lat 35° 08' S. Long 170° 20' West Strong breeze from N E with fine rain during the night. stood on the port tack all day
	11	Tuesday Lat 36° 18' S. Long 169° 45' W Strong breeze from N E stood on port tack weather rainy in squalls saw a whale ship to the leeward
[sketch of mast with sails]		
	12	Wednesday Lat 37° 12' S Long 169° 40' W Commenced with a light breeze from N E hauled to N W at sundown strong squalls during the night latter part strong breeze from S W. gammed with the ships Niger and Horatio. their masters came on board of us for a little while no right whales have been seen by them
[sketch of a 3 masted vessel with sails]		
	13	Thursday Commenced with a strong breeze from S W squally. middle part light air from S E. latter part fresh from N E. gamming with ship Horatio Morse in the latter part
[sketch of a 3 masted vessel with sails]		
	14	Friday. First part fresh breeze breezing on to a moderate gale in latter part from N W stood the port tack after 2 P M. skipper came on board from the Horatio at 6 P M. Niger in sight
	15	Saturday gale moderated in early part of the day to a strong breeze for the rest of the day. air hazy bad seeing stood on port tack. Horatio to the windward
	16	Sunday Lat 36° 25' S. Long 167° 30' W Strong breeze from N W stood on port tack. ships Niger and Horatio in sight weather thick and bad seeing
	17	Monday Lat 35° 20' S Long 167° 21' W Continued strong weather from N W hazy stood on the port tack until 6 P M after that on starboard tack. ships N and H in sight

New Zealand Right Whale Ground

Oct	18	Tuesday Lat 35° 45' S. Long 167° 50' W Strong breeze fro N W stood on both tacks. Niger in sight, gamming with her in the latter part. saw a little feed and a few finbacks. Saw a ship to leeward supposed to be the California going to the eastward.
		[sketch of 3 masted ship under sail]
	19	Wednesday Lat 35° 50' Long 167° 43' W Continued strong breeze from N W hauling to S W in latter part. stood both tacks. gammed ship Niger in first part
	20	Thursday Lat 36° 10' S Long 167° 54' W Commenced with a fresh breeze from S W. hauling to S. calm middle and latter parts. stood on western tack. saw some feed and finbacks. caught a right whale porpoise in day watch. first one this voyage
		[whale stamp]
	21	Friday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 168° 15' W Fresh breeze from N W. stood on starboard tack saw feed and finbacks
	22	Saturday Lat 36° 06' . Long 169° 04' W Strong breeze from N. raised a right whale at noon. lowered three boats and chased until dark. the whale was dodging around in all directions the boats could keep no no run of him. saw finbacks and feed. saw a whale bark to windward heading to the eastward
		[whale tail stamp]
	23	Sunday Strong weather from N. hazy air saw feed and finbacks. stood on both tacks
	24	Monday Light breeze and calm with fog in spells saw blackfish, porpoises, and finbacks
	25	Tuesday Calm weather with fog in first part clear latter part saw finbacks and feed

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N Z right whale ground

Oct	26	Wednesday. Lat 36° 30' S. Long 168° 52' W Light breezes from various points. and calm part of the time. worked the ship north. plenty of feed seen and finbacks, commenced painting the three larboard boats at 8 A M.
	27	Thursday Lat 36° 08' S. Long 168° 58' W Commenced with a fresh breeze and end- ed with a strong breeze from E stood on both tacks some feed and finbacks seen
	28	Friday Strong breeze from E steered W in the first part by the wind on both tacks after that feed and finbacks seen. sighted a whaling bark to wind- ward at daylight. boiling. Lat 36° 08' Long 169° 26
	29	Saturday Lat 35° 35' S. Long 169° 43' W Fresh breeze from E S E. raised two right whales at 3 1/2 P M lowered three boats and chased until dark no success. at 9 1/2 A M roused another one lowered three boats in pursuit. the bark to windward in sight boiling
[whale tail stamp]		
	30	Sunday. Struck a whale to waist boat got him alongside at 3 P M. hooked on and finished cutting at 10 P M Strong breeze from E. rough water
[whale stamp]		
	31	Monday Lat 35° 45' S. Long 170° 04' W Strong wind from E stood on both tacks engaged boiling the whale. a bark in sight to windward
Nov	1	Tuesday Commenced with half a gale from E veering to S E in the middle part with rain. cooled down try works at 4 A M on account of bad weather
	2	Wednesday Blowing a moderate gale from S E veering to W lay to on starboard tack. started try works at 8 A M. saw two other whale ships

New Zealand right whale ground

November

- 3 Thursday Lat 35° 30' S Long 169° 24' W
Blowing a moderate gale from W ship on
both tacks finished boiling at 5 P M
- 4 Friday Commenced with a gale from W
moderating to a strong breeze in latter
part stood on both tacks. started
stowing down at daylight. two or three
whalers in sight to windward
- 5 Saturday Lat 35° 08' S. Long 168° 43' W
Fresh breeze from W to S W stood on
both tacks. saw two whalers
- 6 Sunday Lat 35° 35' S Long 169°
Fresh breeze from W stood on both
[whale stamp] tacks. saw a right whale at 4 P M
lowered three boats and chased with no
success. lowered again for a whale at
9 A M got him to bow boat got along
side at 11 1/2 A M. saw a bark to leeward
- 7 Monday Lat 35° 30' S Long 168° 30' W
Commenced with a strong breeze freshening
[sketch of ship] to a gale by 4 P M. moderated in latter part
lay on both tacks. finished cutting the whale
at 10 1/2 P M. latter part gamming bark
John & Winthrop, Poole master
- 8 Tuesday These 24 hours commenced with light
breeze from S W. strong in latter part
stood on both tacks. started try works at
8 P M. bark J & W in sight
- 9 Wednesday Lat 35° 20' S. Long 169° 02' W
These 24 hours have had strong
breeze from N W. stood on both
tacks. watches busy boiling saw
two whale ships.

		N. Z. Right whale ground
Nov	10	Thursday Lat 35° 35' S. Long 169° 24' W Commenced with a strong breeze from N W. hauled to S. in middle part with rain. latter part fresh breeze fine weather finished boiling at 1 P M
	11	Friday Lat 35° 25' S Long 169° 46' W Fresh breeze from S. hauling to E. stood on port tack saw hundreds of fin- backs and acres of feed. commenced stowing down at 5 A M. bark John & WInthrop in sight astern
	12	Saturday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 170° 34' W Strong breeze from E overcast sky stood on both tacks. saw finbacks in first part. none in latter part plenty of feed all day
	13	Sunday Lat 36° 12' S. Long 170° 37' W Commenced with a strong breeze from N.E latter part fresh breeze from N with fog stood on port tack. feed and finbacks abundant
	14	Monday. first part light breeze with fog from N. latter part light wind stood on port tack. first part saw finbacks and feed in the latter part nothing seen
[5 whale stamps]	15	Tuesday Lat 36° 52' S. Long 169° 59' W Calm in first part. light breeze in middle and latter parts. lowered four boats at 8 1/2 A M. for blackfish got five. waist boat two. the other boats one each
	16	Wednesday First part fresh breeze from N E with fine drizzle. latter part strong breeze. stood on both tacks feed and finbacks in latter part

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- Nov 17 Lat 36° 38' S. Long 170° 19' W
Strong breeze from N with now and then a rain shower. stood on the starboard tack. started trying out blackfish at 7 A M. had to cool down on account of rain plenty of feed and finbacks seen
- 18 Friday Lat 36° 18' S. Long 171° 10' W
Fresh breeze from N W. & N. finished trying out 4 barrels blackfish oil. feed and finbacks in abundance
- 19 Saturday Lat 36° 22' S. Long 171° 03' W
fresh and light breeze from N W steered off S in latter part saw blackfish
- 20 Sunday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 170° 44' W
Commenced with fresh breeze from N W squally. middle part wind hauled to S. and breezed on to a gale. steered S. until sundown after that on port tack
- 21 Monday. Moderate gale in first part from S S W lay on port tack. strong breeze. feed and finbacks plentiful
- 22 Tuesday Lat 36° 24' S. Long 171° 00' W
Fresh breeze in first part from S W light in latter part. stood on the starboard tack saw blackfish finbacks and feed. commenced scrubbing bone at day light
- 23 Wednesday Lat 36° 45' S. Long 170° 13' W
Light breeze in first and last parts calm in middle part. ship on both tacks at 9 A M raised two right whales lowered three boats and chased
- [whale tail stamp]

New Zealand Right Whale Ground

Nov	24	Thursday. First part light breeze from N N W middle part fresh. latter part strong chased two right whales until 8 P M with no success lack of wind appeared to be the trouble. whales working westward
	25	Friday. First part blowing a moderate gale from N with rain. wind hauled to S W in the night. at 10 A M came on a strong gale from S S W with heavy squalls lay on port tack middle and latter parts. under storm sails
	26	Saturday. Blowing a stiff gale from S S W with heavy squalls. ship hove to on port tack under storm canvas
	27	Sunday Continued gale from S W moderating in latter part. lay on port tack. wore ship at 7 A M. and made some sail
	28	Monday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 170° 06' W These 24 hours have had a moderate breeze from S W veering to N W in latter part. stood on starboard tack by the wind nothing seen during the day
	29	Tuesday Lat 36° 50' S. Long 170° 24' W Wind fresh from W hazy weather stood on starboard tack
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	1	Thursday Lat 38° 30' S. Long 169° 48' W Fresh breeze from S W fine weather stood on starboard tack
	2	Friday Lat 39° 08' S. Long 169° 06' W Commenced with a fresh breeze from W. middle and latter parts strong. stood on starboard tack
	3	Saturday Lat 39° 52' S. Long 168° 48' W

Toward Cape East sperm whale ground

Dec

- 6 Tuesday. Since last writing we have had variable weather. had a heavy gale from S W Sunday A M. today a moderate gale from N with rain have worked the ship W. saw black fish this day and feed no appearance of right whales. the season is evidently done
- 7 Wednesday Lat 39° 56' S. Long 170° 55' W Commenced with a fresh breeze from N N W. wind breezed on strong and hauled to S W at 4 P M. latter part light breeze from E. heavy swells running from S. stood on port tack after 4 P M saw finbacks in the forenoon. the mate cut out a new boat sail for himself
- 8 Thursday Lat 39° 30' S. Long 171° 10' W Moderate breeze from S to S E stood on port tack
- 9 Friday Lat 38° 38' S. Long 172° 39' W Fresh breeze from E S E course N W by W
- 10 Saturday Lat 37° 48' S. Long 173° 44' W Fresh breeze from E S E course N W by W
- 11 Sunday 36° 25' S. Long 175° 34' W Strong breeze from E. with rain two hours in the morning. otherwise pleasant weather. course N W by W and W
- 12 Monday Lat 35° 48' S. Long 177° 32' W Strong breeze from E S E steered west until 7 P M after that on port tack
- 13 Tuesday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 178° 42' W Strong breeze from S E. stood on the port tack until 7 P M. after that on starboard
- 14 Wednesday Lat 36° 30' S. Long 178° 36' W Fresh breeze in the first part dying away to a light breeze in latter part from S E

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December

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| 15 | Thursday. Lat 36° 15' S. Long 178° 38' W
Calm in the first part. latter part fresh breeze from W. stood on the starboard tack spring the maintopgallant yard hoisting it up in the morning |
| 16
[sketch of mast & rigging] | Friday Lat 36° 58' S. Long 179° 02' W
Fresh breeze from westward stood on both tacks. sent down the main top-gallant yard in the morning |
| 17 | Saturday Lat 37° 40' S. Long 179° 07' W
First part strong breeze from W N W middle part light. fine weather sighted a whale ship at 10 A M at 9 A M sent up a new main top-gallant yard and painted it. |
| 18
[sketch of ship under sail] | Sunday. Commenced with a strong breeze from S E dying away. light in the latter part. gammed ship Niger from 1 P M until 5 p M. 400 bbls whale oil this season. saw a whaling bark to windward |
| 19
[sketch of ship under sail] | Monday Lat 37° 32' S. Long 179° 20' W
Light breeze in first part from S E middle part calm. latter part light wind from N. gamming with ship Niger in the latter part. saw grampuses |
| 20
[whale stamp] | Tuesday Lat 37° 12' S Long 179° 08' W
Moderate breezes from N & N W very fine weather first part gammed with ship Niger. in the morning at 6 1/2 A M raised sperm whales. the Niger lowered four boats and we lowered ours and chased the remainder of the day. the whale moving to the S E |
| 21 | Wednesday Lat 37° 35' S Long 178° 45' W
Fresh breeze from N W fine whaling weather chased a sperm whale to the S E in company with Niger. the N's mate struck him. took him along |

side the N. latter part saw her cutting
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- 22 Thursday Lat 38° 10' S. Long 178° 54 W
First part light breeze from N W latter
part fresh breeze from same quarter
stood on both tacks. gammed bark
[sketch of
3 masted
ship under sail] John & Winthrop from 4 P M. until 10
just from Cape East. eight of her
men stole a boat Monday night
started for the land, but the ship
overhauled them. saw the Niger cutting
- 23 Friday Lat 38° 15' S Long 178° 51' W
These 24 hours have had a light
breeze from N W fine weather stood on
both tacks. the Niger in sight, boiling
- 24 Saturday Lat 37° 32' S Long 177° 16' W
Fresh breeze from N W. fine weather. stood
on both tacks by the wind in company with
the Niger
- 25 Sunday Lat 37° 50' S. Long 177° 58' W
Fresh breeze from N W stood on both
tacks in company with the Niger
- 26 Monday Lat 38° 10' S Long 178° 38
Strong N W wind stood on both tacks
the capt went on board the Niger in
the morning the whale turned up 130 bbls
we will take out shore when the weather moderates
- 27 Tuesday Lat 37° 35' S Long 177° 00' W
Strong breeze from N W. stood on both tacks
in company with ship Niger
- 28 Wednesday. first part strong breeze from W
hauling to S in middle part. latter part
light breeze. took share of oil from the N in the
latter part. and started stowing it

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Dec 29 Thursday Lat 37° 20' S Long 178° 00' W
First part calm. finished stowing 60
barrels oil at 5 P M. middle part
strong squally weather from W
latter part wind hauled to S.
ship Niger in company

30 Friday Lat 37° 30' S. Long 178° 44' W
Strong squally weather from S.
stood on both tacks. Niger in company

31 Saturday Lat 37° 00' S Long 179° 34' W
First part strong gale from S E
squally weather latter part strong
breeze. Niger in company, at 6 P M
while on the starboard tack
under lower main topsail main spencer
fore staysail, she made a lurch
and clipped the bow boat down
stove a hole in the boat and sprung
the davit. took the davit out in the
morning. So ends the year. bad luck
January 1 still attending us total amount
of oil for the year 390 barrels, (255 sperm
135 whale). during the year we have
seen sperm whales 6 times. right whales
6 times

- Cape East sperm whale ground
- January 1 Lat 36° 35' South, Long 179° 17' West.
First part strong breeze from S E
[sketch of dying away calm in latter part
3 masted ship lay on both tacks. the skipper
under sail] and family went on board the Niger
at 10 A M.
- 2 Monday. Lat 36° 26' S. Long 179° 30' W
First part calm middle part
breezed up from N W Capt P
came aboard from the Niger at 8 P M
steered S E during the night. hauled
on the wind on port tack at 7 1/2 A M
- 3 Tuesday Lat 37° 20' S. Long 179° 17' W
Strong breeze from W N W stood on
both tacks in latter part steered
S. in the morning took down an old
boat from overhead to repair. the Niger
was in sight in first part
- 4 Wednesday Lat 37° 50' S. Long 179° 10' W
Strong westerly wind. stood on
both tacks. saw a whaling bark
pass to leeward. supposed to be
the Petrel
- 5 Thursday Lat 37° 00' S Long 178° 30 W
Continued strong breeze from N W
stood on both tacks by the wind
sighted ship Niger at day light
- 6 Friday Lat 37° 18' S. Long 178° 38' W
Strong N W wind stood on both tacks
saw three whalers
- 7 Saturday. Continued strong wind
from N W. latter part rain
- 9 Monday Lat 37° 30' S. Long 179° 14' W
First part fresh breeze from S. latter
part light. stood on both tacks
gamming with the Niger in latter part

Toward Norfolk Island

- Jan 11 Wednesday Lat 36° 15' S. Long 178° 56' W
Strong breeze from E steered N N W
three whalers in sight
- 12 Thursday Strong breeze from E
gammed the bark Petrel and. John and
Winthrop. and ship Niger in the
first part. at 8 P M steered off
N W by W bound to Norfolk Island
in company with bark Petrel and
ship Niger
- [sketch of
3 masted ship
under sail]
- 13 Friday Lat 33° 10' S. Long 178° 20' E
Strong breeze from E squally weather
course N W by W 1/2 W and W N W
- 14 Saturday Lat 31° 30' S. Long 175° 25' E
Commenced with a strong breeze from E
dying away to a light breeze in latter part
course W N W
- 16 Monday Lat 29° 54' S. Long 172° 28' E
Light breezes from N E and E
courses W by N. and W
- 17 Tuesday Lat 29° 35' S. Long 171° 28' E
Light easterly weather steered a west course
for Norfolk Island
- 18 Wednesday Lat 29° 38' S Long 170° 10' E
Moderate breeze from E course W
sighted Norfolk Island at day light
20 miles distant bearing W by N
- [sketch of
island]
- 19 Thursday Light breeze from E
ship off and on Norfolk Island in
company with bark Petrel and ship
Niger and a trading schooner from
Noumea bound to Auckland
in the morning sent one boat in to
the town and another went fishing off
Philip Island

January 20	Friday Light breeze from E ship off and on Norfolk Island in company with ship Niger and bark Petrel. sent in two boats at the town at 9 A M
21	Saturday. Light wind from N E on and off Norfolk Island
22	Sunday. Light airs from Northeasterly off and on Norfolk Island
23	Monday Fresh breeze from S E ship off and on Norfolk Island
25	Saturday Since last writing the weather has been fine. ship lying off and on Norfolk Island. the captain came on board at 12 oclock. put the ship on southern tack for the remainder of the day. wind from E light ship Niger and bark Petrel left the island on Thursday P M.
29	Sunday Lat 30° 05' S. Long 167° 16' E Light wind in first part from E ship on port tack. middle and latter parts calm
30	Monday Lat 30° 25' S. Long 167° 32' E Light breezes from S W to S E course E S E
31	Tuesday Lat 30° 40' S Long 168° 57' E
Feb 1	Wednesday Lat 31° 00' S Long 169° 54 E Fresh breeze from S W to S. course E S E
2	Thursday Lat 31° 34' S Long 172° 20' E Light wind from S E stood on starboard tack
3	Friday Lat 31° 36' S Long 173° 57' E Light breezes from N E to W, course E by S 1/2 S.

Toward Cape East

Feb

- 4 Saturday Lat 31° 46' S Long 174° 26' E
These 24 hours have had calm and light and fresh breezes from numerous points. with several rain squalls. steered E by S 1/2 S wind the wind would permit.
- 5 Sunday Lat 32° 10' S. Long 174° 41' E
Baffling wind from S to S E. fresh in first part light in latter part stood on both tacks working S E
- 6 Monday Lat 32° 10' S Long 175° 05' E
Light baffling southwesterly wind ship on both tacks
- 7 Tuesday Lat 32° 06' S. Long 175° 35' E
Light variable winds from S to E course E S E
- 8 Wednesday Lat 32° 26' S Long 176° 50' E
Continued light wind from same quarter
- 9 Thursday Lat 32° 50' S. Long 178° 00' E
Light breezes from S to W S W course S E at day light raised two or three large sperm whales on weather bow going to windward slowly. lowered three boats in pursuit. smokey air, bad seeing
- 10 Friday
Commenced with a fresh breeze from W S W three boats chasing sperm whales at about 3 P M waist boat struck got the whale alongside at dusk latter part hooked on. with the wind blowing almost a gale making bad work
- [whale stamp
with the number
112]
- 11 Saturday
Commenced with a strong breeze from S W finished cutting the body at 6 P M. latter part light breeze took in the head and boiled case. smokey atmosphere

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Toward Cape East

Feb	12	Sunday Lat 32° 55' S Long 178° 48' E Light wind from S. watches employed boiling the whale
	13	Monday Lat 32° 53' S Long 178° 38' E Fine weather wind light from a southerly direction. boiling
	14	Tuesday Lat 33° 00' S Long 178° 37' E Light breeze from S and E. fine weather finished boiling at 3 A M
	15	Wednesday Continued fine weather wind light from E. started stowing down at 5 A M. ship on both tacks
[barrel stamp]	16	Thursday Light breezes south and eastward fine weather stood on both tacks. finished stowing down (112 barrels) at 6 P M.
	17	Friday Lat 33° 26' S. Long 178° 32' E Continued light winds from various points weather fine
	18	Saturday Lat 34° 00' S. Long 178° 12' E
	20	Monday Lat 35° 08' S Long 179° 55' W These 24 hours began with a fresh breeze from N W steering S E middle part squally ship hove to on port tack. latter part light breeze, steering S E by S.
	21	Tuesday Lat 35° 48' S Long 179° 00' W This day have had spurts of wind from all round the compass with calm spells and showers course S E by S
[whale tale stamp]	22	Wednesday Strong breeze from S squally weather. raised scattered sperm whales at day light some to windward some to leeward going to windward. waist boat took one head and head. but only got slightly past irons came out got on board at 11 1/2 A M

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- Feb 23 Thursday Lat 35° 48' S. Long 178° 50' W
Strong breeze from S in first part
with squally weather. latter part
light breeze fine weather stood on both tacks
- 24 Friday Lat 35° 34' S Long 178° 53' W
Light breezes from S hauling to N W in
latter part. steered S by W in forenoon
- 25 Saturday Lat 35° 52' S. Long 178° 48' W
Commenced with a light breeze from
N W, latter part wind hauled to S E
and breezed on strong. saw the bark
Petrel in the first part, and ship
Niger in latter part. gammed the N
a little while
- 26 Sunday Lat 36° 10' S Long 178° 30' W
[sketch of
3 masted
ship]
Strong breeze in first part from S E
dying away light in latter part. Capt.
and Mrs P went on board the Niger
at 10 A M
- 27 Monday Lat 36° 10' S. Long 178° 55' W
[sketch of
3 masted
ship]
Light wind from E. gamming
bark Sapphire (of Habortown) and Petrel
and ship Niger in first part, latter part
all three of them in sight. stood on both tacks
- 28 Tuesday Lat 36° 28' S. Long 179° 19' W
[whale tail
stamp]
Light air from E. stood on both tacks
raised a sperm whale a few minutes before
sunset. lowered the four boats and pulled out
toward him came on hard at dark. raised
whales again at 10 A M lowered three
boats and chased. the petrel and Niger lowered
theirs
- 29 Wednesday. Continued light winds
and calm first part chasing sperm
whales. waist boat went along side of one
with a fine chance the iron hit against
the whale and toggled and did not enter
chased the whale to westward in company
with the Petrels boats. our mate struck one
late in the afternoon. towed him to the

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Feb 29

Wednesday

Petrel. got him along side at 4 1/2 A M
had breakfast and started cutting. got
the head off at dinner time

March

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Thursday. Light breeze from N E
one boats crew on board the Petrel
helping cut the whale. took the head
along side the Milton at dark. hove it
in in the morning. saw sperm
whales from the Milton and chased
with no success. the whales were
gallied by the Niger's boats to windward

[whales tail
stamp]

2

Friday. Lat 36° 00' S. Long 179° 34' W
Light breeze from N E fine weather
finished boiling head at 11 A M. turnes
up 42 barrels. the whaleships in sight

3

Saturday Lat 36° 06' S. Long 179° 06' W
Continued fine weather breeze light from N E
took 10 barrels of oil from the Petrel to
make up one half of the whale

4

[sketch of 3
masted ship]

Sunday Light easterly weather. gamming
with bark Petrel. in the first part
the Niger in sight

5

[barrel stamp]

Monday. Commenced with at light
breeze from S. latter part fresh breeze
from S E. stood on both tacks.
started breaking out to stow down
at day light. got the oil all down at
the end of the day. stowed 50 barrels
bark Petrel in sight in first part. ship
Niger in sight all day

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Tuesday lat 36° 14' S. Long 178° 50' W
Moderate breeze from S E fine weather
stood on both tacks. the Petrel
and Niger in sight part of the time
bent a new maintopgalliant sail
in the forenoon, and put old one at the fore

Cape East ground

- March 7 [sketch of 3 masted ship] Wednesday Lat 36° 10' S. Long 179° 29' W
Light breeze from E stood on both tacks. gamming with NIger in latter part
- 9 Friday. Lat 36° 25' S. Long 179° 26' W
Commenced with a strong breeze from N latter part. blowing a moderate gale from N E stood on both tacks
- 10 Saturday. Blowing a fresh gale in first part from N E with rain latter part light wind from S W
- 11 Sunday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 179° 12' W
First part fresh breeze from W. breezing on to a stiff gale in latter part lay on port tack, ship NIger in sight
- 12 Monday Continued gale from W
- 13 [whale tail stamp] Tuesday Lat 35° 40' S. Long 178° 26' W
Continued strong gale from W saw sperm whales during the afternoon going to S W. weather to bad to lower
- 14 Wednesday Lat 36° 02' S Long 178° 25' W
Continued gale the same as yesterday ship Niger in sight to windward
- 15 Thursday. Continued westerly gale
- 16 Friday Lat 35° 57' S. Long 177° 44' W
More moderate weather but still blowing strong. wind hauled to W N W stood on starboard tack
- 17 [whale tail stamp] Saturday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 178° 05' W
Moderate gale from N W. lay on starboard tack saw sperm whales at 5 1/2 P M. on ships weather bow going to S S W.

Cape East sperm whale ground

- March 18 Sunday. Continued gale from N W with rain in first part. Lay to on both tacks under storm sails
- 19 Monday Lat 37° 20' S. Long 177° 40' W Strong breeze from W N W stood on both tacks. working to N W
- 20 Tuesday Lat 37° 52' S. Long 178° 21' W half a gale from W stood on the port tack at 11 A M saw white water to the leeward Kept the ship off for it
- 21 Wednesday Lat 37° 00' S Long 177° 46' W First part strong breeze heavy swell raised sperm whales just after dinner lowered three boats. mate struck soon. after the mates whale spouted blood the other two boats chased off after the school with no success took the whale along side at sundown middle part wind more moderate at daylight. hooked on to cut. took off the jaw. by that time the wind began to increase to a moderate gale had to stop cutting for the day
- [whale stamp]
- 22 Thursday. First part blowing a moderate gale from S. with a heavy swell latter part wind light. but the swell heavy. hooked on and cut in the whales body and cut the head square off
- 23 Friday. Light airs in first part from E latter part fresh breeze from N W. in cutting the upper jaw from the head we lost two of our largest chin straps when we quit until morning. in the forenoon we took in the head. during the night Manuel Batista in tending the mincing machine broke his left fore arm near the wrist bandaged it with splints

Cape East sperm whale ground

March 24	Saturday. Moderate and light breezes from N W to W. engaged boiling
25	Sunday Lat 37° 15' S. Long 177° 04' W Fine weather moderate breeze from W finished boiling at 6 P M.
26 [barrel stamp]	Monday. First part fine weather with a light breeze from W. latter part strong breeze. commenced stowing down at 6 A M. at day light saw two whalers in company one of them cutting evidently have a whale together. Lat 36° 20' S Long 176° 56 W
27	Tuesday. Commenced with a change breeze from N W. latter part increased to a gale finished stowing down at 5 P M 98 barrels of oil
28	Wednesday. Lat 36° 08' S. Long 177° 47' W Blowing a stiff gale from W
29	Thursday. Continued gale from W with very heavy squalls. I took in main topsail at 7 A M
30	Friday First part blowing a gale from S S W moderated during the night
31	Saturday Lat 34° 35' S Long 177° 05' W Fresh breeze from W stood on starboard tack
April 1	Sunday Lat 35° 32' S. Long 177° 20' W Strong breeze from W stood on starboard tack
2	Monday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 177° 43' W Strong weather from W
3	Tuesday Lat 36° 06' S Long 177° 24' W half gale from W heavy swell

Cape East sperm whale ground

April	4	Wednesday. Blowing a moderate gale from W veering to S W in the latter part.
	5	Thursday Lat 36° 30. S Long 177° 18' W These 24 hours commenced with a moderate gale from S. moderating to a light breeze from S E in latter part stood on port tack all day
[whale's tail stamp]	6	Friday Lat 36° 15' S Long 178° 20' W Calm weather these 24 hours. at 7 A M saw white water bearing W N W at 9 1/2 saw a sperm whale spouting about 3 miles off. only saw him one raining did not lower the boats
	7	Saturday Lat 36° 10' S Long 178° 35' W Continued light airs and calm at 7 A M raised two sperm whales bearing S S W lowered three boats in chase
[whale stamp]	8	Sunday Lat 36° 13' S. Long 178° 44' W These 24 hours commenced with a light air from S E. three boats chasing a sperm whale. larboard boat struck at 1 P M. took the whale along side at 6 P M Latter part fine weather. fresh breeze from W. started cutting two whale ships in sight
	9	Monday. Strong breezes from W veering to S E in latter part. finished cutting at 8 P M. bailed the case and cut up the junk before the end of the day started try works at 6 A M. bark Petrel and ship Niger in sight
	10	Tuesday Lat 36° 25' S. Long 178° 35' W Fine weather. light breeze from S E.
	11	Wednesday Lat 36° 30' S Long 179° 05' W fine weather. wind light and variable engaged boiling

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Toward Bay of Islands

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- April 12 Thursday Lat 36° 25' S Long 178° 47' W
Fine weather. fresh breeze from N W to W
Finished boiling at midnight
- 13 Friday Lat 36° 26' S Long 178° 35' W
Fresh breeze from N W commenced
stowing down in main hold. riding tier
- 14 Saturday Strong breeze from N N W
stowed a hundred barrels of oil in
[barrel stamp] main hold in the first part. latter
part stored 25 barrels in fore hold
ground tier. 125 barrels altogether
- 15 Sunday Lat 36° 30' S. Long 179° 31' W
- 20 Friday Lat 35° 00' S Long 179° 22'
Since last writing have had strong
weather for the most part. wind from
W veering to S E. today there is a light
breeze from E steered W and by S. for
the Bay of Islands
- 21 Saturday Lat 34° 55' S Long 179° 55' W
Calm weather this day
- 23 Monday Lat 35° 00' S. Long 179° 29' East
These 24 hours commenced with a light breeze
from N E increasing to a moderate gale in
latter part with rain. course W by S and W
hove to at 9 A M under storm sails
- 24 Tuesday Commenced with a moderate
gale from N with rain. wind died out
at 4 P M. and breezed up strong from
S W during the night ship under easy sail
- 25 Wednesday Lat 34° 21' S Long 176° 55' E
Strong breeze from S W. working the ship
to windward towards the Bay of Islands

- April 26 Thursday Lat 34° 40' S. Long 176° 37' E
Strong breeze from S W hauling to
S E in latter part. stood on both tacks
- 27 Friday Lat 34° 45' S. Long 175° 08 E
Fresh breeze from S E sighted Cape
[anchor stamp] Brett at 2 P M. dropped anchor off
Russell at 11 A M. ship Niger at anchor
here
- 28 Saturday. Fine weather washed
ship outside and put out an old boat for
port use
- June 9 Saturday Since last writing we have been
lying at anchor off Russell. took on
board 500 barrels water and recruited
for a round year. Four men
deserted. shipped two more
got under weigh at 8 A M Friday
morning with a fresh breeze from S.
left ship California at anchor
- 10 Sunday Fresh breeze from S. fine
weather course N by E and N N E
- 11 Monday These 24 hours commenced
with a fresh breeze from S hauling to
S E and dying away light in latter part
course N N E
- 12 Tuesday Lat 31° 05' S. Long 176° 53' E
Light easterly winds fair weather stood on
starboard tack
- 13 Wednesday Lat 30° 28' S Long 177° 28' E
Continued light wind from E
- 16 Saturday Lat 29 ° 15 S Long 178° 45' E
Since last writing have light weather
this day began with a strong breeze
from W increasing to a moderate gale
in latter part. first part steered
N E middle and latter part hove to
on port tack

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- June 17 Sunday Blowing a gale in first part from S W. moderated in middle part Kept off E N E at 10 A M.
- 18 Monday Lat 27° 50' S. Long 179° 37' E Strong S W wind. steered to the eastward
- 19 Tuesday Lat 27° 17' S. Long 179° 06' W Continued strong S W wind Dighted ship Niger at 10 1/2 A M
- 20 Wednesday Lat 27° 47' S Long 178° 02' W Strong squally weather from S W. working east in company with ship Niger
- 21 Thursday Lat 27° 19' S. Long 177° 00' W Light breeze from S E. fine weather. working to the N E in company with the Niger. gamming in the latter part
[sketch of 3 masted ship]
- 22 Friday. Light breeze from S E fine weather. gamming ship Niger in the first part
- 23 Saturday Light airs from E. in company with ship Niger
- 24 Sunday Lat 25° 40' S Long 176° 33' W Light breeze in first part from E raised a small pod of whales at 2 1/2 P M on ships weather bow distant 4 miles lowered three boats and pulled up got one. to Larboard boat. whales going slow to windward. Latter part light airs. cut in the whale. ship Niger in sight
- 25 Monday. Calms. and light airs from various points. at 1 1/2 P M raised sperm whales to the south of us. lowered three boats. but did not see the whales from the boats. whales going quick to the S E started try works at 6 A M. at 11 A M saw the Niger whaling did not see the whales she was chasing

June	26	Tuesday Lat 25° 52' S. Long 176° 33' W These 24 hours commenced with a light breeze from W. veering to S. in middle part with rain. latter part strong breeze
	27	Wednesday. Strong wind from S. stood on both tacks
	28	Thursday. Strong southerly wind stood on both tacks in company with ship Niger. stowed the oil in the forenoon. fore hold. starboard side ground tier
[barrel stamp]		
	29	Friday Lat 25° 28' S Long 176° 44' W First part fresh breeze from S E. latter part light. stood on port tack in company with ship Niger
	30	Saturday Lat 25° 48' S. Long 177° 24' W Strong southerly wind stood on both tacks in company with ship Niger
July		
	1	Sunday Lat 25° 52' S. Long 177° 18' W Strong S E wind stood on both tacks in company with ship Niger
	2	Monday Lat 25° 22' S Long 176° 50' W Fresh breeze from E. stood on both tacks in company with the Niger
	3	Tuesday. Fresh breeze from E stood on both tacks in company with the Niger
	4	Wednesday Lat 26° 00' S Long 177° 25' W Continued fresh breeze from E. stood on both tacks. gamming the Niger in latter part

- July 5 Thursday. These 24 hours commenced with a light breeze from E. latter part fresh breeze. stood on both tacks in company with the Niger
- 6 Friday Lat 26° 00' S. Long 177° 25' W
First part strong breeze from E. ship on starboard tack. raised sperm whales at 4 1/2 P M. ahead of the ship lowered three boats immediately. bow boat struck just at dusk and got stove. waist boat went to him. and the larboard boat struck the whale and killed him got all on board at 10 P M.
Latter part breezed onto a moderate gale started cutting. took the head in before dinner the Niger in sight
- [whale stamp]
- 7 Saturday First part blowing a moderate gale. from E. finished cutting at 3 P M started try works at 10 A M. the weather better in the latter part. ship Niger in sight
- 8 Sunday. Moderate breeze from E in first part. light in latter part. boiling
- 9 Monday Lat 26° 13' S Long 177° 45' W
First part calm. middle and latter parts strong breeze from S E. finished boiling at 11 P M.
- 10 Tuesday Lat 25° 55' S. Long 178° 29' W
Strong breeze from E to N E. stood on both tacks
- 11 Wednesday Lat 25° 38' S. Long 177° 28' W
Fresh breeze from W
- 12 Thursday Lat 25° 52' S Long 177° 26' W
These 24 hours have had a frosh breeze from W. stood on port tack stowing down in first part of the day at day light raised sperm whales on weather beam coming to leeward. lowered three boats at 9 A M chasing the remainder of the day

- July 13 Friday Lat 25° 28' S. Long 177° 28' W
first part light breeze from W S W
three boats away chasing whales. waist boat
[whale stamp] struck at 2 P M. and got stove but managed
to keep afloat. two boats chased off after the
school larboard boat struck about 4 P M.
middle part breeze very light and baffling
took one whale along side at 6 1/2 P M. and the
other at 3 A M at day light commenced
cutting. took in one whale before 12 oclock
- 14 Saturday Lat 25° 30' S Long 177° 33' W
First part strong breeze from N W
finished cutting second whale at dusk
latter part fresh breeze from S W. started
try works at 8 A M.
- 15 Sunday Lat 25° 25' S. Long 177° 28' W
Light winds from various points.
engaged boiling
- 16 Monday. These 24 hours have had
fresh and strong breezes from N E to S W.
with rain in middle part. cooled the
works on account of rain. fired up again at
6 A M
- 17 Tuesday Lat 25° 25' S Long 177° 54' W
Strong breeze from S W. finished
boiling at 3 A M.
- 18 Wednesday. Weather squally. wind
variable. started stowing down at 7 A M
- 19 Thursday Lat 25° 40' S Long 176° 24' W
Light wind from S W with some rain
stowing down during daylight
- 20 Friday Lat 25° 14' S Long 176° 12' W
Fresh breeze from S. stood on
port tack. finished stowing off fore hold
at 4 1/2 P M. latter part took down a new
boat fro the waist cranes

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July	21	Saturday Lat 25° 25' S. Long 177° 14' W Fresh breeze from S. stood on both tacks
	22	Sunday Lat 25° 20' S. Long 176° 46' W Continued fresh southerly wind stood on both tacks. put out new boat at 4 P M for waist cranes. and took in the old one
	23	Monday Lat 25° 32' S Long 176° 50' W Fine weather. fresh breeze from S. at 8 A M took in bow boat to mend
[sketch of a 3 masted ship]	24	Tuesday Lat 25° 25' S. Long 177° 15' W Light breeze from E. middle part calm. at 8 A M put out bow boat and took in larboard boat. skipper and family went gamming on board ship Niger. witnessed a total eclipse of the moon early in the evening
	25	Wednesday. Fresh breeze from N E stood on both tacks in company with ship Niger
	26	Thursday N wind rainy weather stood on both tacks in company with the Niger
	28	Saturday Lat 24° 50' S, Long 178° 04' W Strong breeze from W to S W stood on both tacks in company with the Niger
	29	Sunday Lat 25° 15' S, Long 177° 40' W Strong squally weather from S W. stood on the starboard tack in company with the Niger
	30	Monday Lat 25° 44' S. Long 177° 23' W First part strong breeze from S W squally. latter part fresh breeze fine weather. stood on both tacks in company with Niger

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- July 31st Tuesday. moderate breeze from S. with light squalls. stood on both tacks at 6 1/2 A M raised sperm whales to windward. as usual lowered three boats at 9 1/2 oclock in company with the Niger boats
- August 1st Wednesday Lat 25° 13' S Long 177° 35' W
These 24 hours commenced with a light breeze from S. six boats chasing whales. The Nigers boats caught three little fellows. middle and latter parts more wind and squaly
- 2 Thursday Lat 24° 56' S. Long 177° 26
Fine weather wind fresh from S. hauling to E S E in latter part stood on both tacks. Niger not in sight
- 3 Friday Lat 24° 45' S. Lon 177° 53' W
Strong breeze from E. stood on both tacks sighted the Niger in morning to leeward ran down to her, the Capt went on board.
- 4 Saturday Strong breeze from N E
took 17 barrels of oil from the Niger our share. stowed it down in forenoon
- 5 Sunday Lat 25° 25' S. Long 177° 28' W
First part strong north wind
middle part wind hauling to W
with rain. latter part calm. pleasant
- 6 Monday Lat 25° 35' S. Long 177° 29 W
Light wind from S. fine weather
gamming Niger in latter part
- 7 Tuesday Lat 25° 11' S. Long 177° 37' W
Light breeze from S. stood on port tack in company with the Niger

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Bound to Norfolk Island

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- August 8 Wednesday Lat 25° 05' S. Long 178° 28 W
Continued light southerly wind and fine
weather steering to the S W in company
with the Niger bound to Norfolk Island
- 9 Thursday Lat 25° 32' S. Long 177° 35' W
Light wind from E veering to N E in
latter part. steered S W and by W
in company with the Niger
- 10 Friday Lat 25° 45' S. Long 179° 39' E
First part light breeze from N
fine weather. middle and latter parts
fresh breeze with rain. hauling to N W
in latter part. course S W by W
- 11 Saturday. First part fresh breeze
from S W with rain. cleared off in the
night with a light breeze for the rest of
the day. stood on both tacks in company
with the Niger
- 12 Sunday Lat 26° 42' S. Long 177° 48' E
First part fresh breeze from W
increasing to a fresh gale during the night
latter part. blowing a strong gale with squalls
- 13 Monday. Blowing a gale from W lay on
both tacks. in company with the Niger
- 14 Tuesday Lat 26° 50' S. Long 177° 58' E
First part blowing fresh from S W. moder-
ating during the night to a moderate breeze
from S. raised sperm whales at 8 1/2 A M
lowered three boats in pursuit. Niger in
sight astern
- 15 Wednesday Lat 26° 15' S. Long 177° 00' E
Fine weather. wind fresh from S. got two
[whale stamp] whales out of the school got them along side
at dusk. latter part cutting in saw the
Niger cutting

- 16 Thursday. strong breeze from E
finished cutting at 10 A M. Niger in sight
boiling.
- 17 Friday. Strong wind from N E in first
part. middle part from N with rain.
latter part light breeze from S W fine weather
started try works at 3 P M
- 18 Saturday Lat 26° 12' S. Long 175° 56' E
light breeze from S. lay on the port tack
engaged boiling. Niger in sight boiling too
- 19 Sunday Fine weather. light breeze
from various points. engaged boiling
- 20 Monday. continued fine weather
wind variable from E to N and W
finished boiling at 2 A M. started stowing
down in after hold. port side
- 21 Tuesday. Fine weather wind from S W
engaged stowing down. had to ransack
the ship to find suitable casks.
- 22 Wednesday Continued fine weather.
S W wind finished stowing oil at 9 A M
170 barrels
- 23 Thursday Lat 26° 25' S. Long 174° 20' E
Shifting winds from S E to N E and back
course S W 1/2 W
- 24 Friday Lat 26° 40' S 172° 56' E
Fine weather. light breeze from S. S. E
course S W. Niger in company
- 25 Saturday Lat 27° 00' S. Long 171° 54' E
Light breezes from S. stood on port
tack
- 26 Sunday Lat 27° 20' S. Long 170° 28' E
Fresh breezes from S S E. course S W
- 27 Monday Lat 27° 40' S. Long 169° 02' E

- Aug 29 [sketch of island] Wednesday since last writing. Mon and Tues were calm. breeze came from S. in the first part of the day hauled to E in latter part steered S W by S. 1.2 S. sighted Norfolk Islands at 10 A M. bearing S W. dist 30 miles steered for it with a fresh easterly wind cloudy weather
- Sept 20 Thursday Since last writing we have been lying off and on Norfolk Island had good weather for the most part wind from Eastward nearly all the time found the island poorly off, and as a consequence we did not get much of a recruit. These last 24 hours commenced with a light breeze from S W with fine weather the Capt came on board at 1 P M. middle part fresh breeze. latter part strong breeze with rain squalls wind hauling to S S E. course E S. E Ships California and Niger left the island at the same time as ourselves bound in the same direction
- Friday 21st Lat29-15 Lon171°10E These 24 hours fine weather wind from S S E strong in first part. Latter part light at 9 A M raised sperm whales lowered three boats got two to larboard and starboard boats saw the Niger take two whales out of the same school [whale stamp]
- 22 Saturday. Light breeze from S S E. cut in the whales finished at 12 midnight
- 23 Sunday. Light southerly wind. stood on starboard tack. started try works at 1 P. M.
- 24 Monday. Calm weather. finished boiling at 7 A M.
- 25 Tuesday First part calm middle and latter parts light breeze from N E hauling to N W in the latter parts, course S E

- Sept 26 Lat 28° 50' S Long 173° 20' E
Light breeze from N. started stowing down
in fore hold. at 7 A M.
- 27 Thursday Lat 29° 55' S. Long 174° 40' E
Fresh breeze from N to N W. first part
steering S E. stowing down at 3 P M. raised
whales off starboard beam going to windward
got one whale to Bow Boat S B struck
and parted line latter part cut the whale
[whale stamp]
- 28 Friday. Lat 30° 15' S. Long 175° 20' E
Light breeze from N W in first part
hauling to S. in middle part died away
calm Course S E by E. finished boiling at
9 A M
- 29 Saturday Lat 30° 50' S. Long 176° 00' E
First part calm. breezed up from
E in the first watch. fresh breeze until the
end of the day. stood on port tack
- 30 Sunday Lat 32° 10' S Long 176° 04' E
Strong breeze from N E in the first part
increasing to a half gale in the night
with rain. latter part strong wind
without rain. stood on the port tack
- October 1 Monday Lat 32° 50' S Long 176° 35' E
Strong breeze from W. course E by S.
commenced stowing down at 7 A. M.
- 2 Tuesday Lat 33° 14' S. Long 178° 45' E
Continued strong breeze from W. course E by S.
- 3 Wednesday Lat 33° 25' S. Long 178° 26' W
First part half a gale from W
with squalls. moderated to a strong
breeze from S in latter part. course E by S
- 4 Thursday Lat 33° 42' S Long 175° 50' W
First part fresh breeze from S.
stood on starboard tack
latter part calm

- October 5 Friday Lat 33° 36' S. Long 175° 00' W
First and middle parts calm
latter part light breeze from N
steered E. at 11 A M. raised a right
whale going south
- 6 Saturday Lat 33° 43' S. Long 174° 46' W
Fresh breeze from N. chased a right
whale in the first part until dark
saw the Niger chasing whales
a few finbacks seen during the day
some feed under water
- [whales tail
stamp]
- 7 Sunday Lat 33° 56' S. Long 174° 40' W
Strong N wind. with showers in latter
part. stood on both tacks
Our skipper went on board the Niger
after 4 P M. and staid to supper
- 8 Monday Moderate gale from N in
first part. middle part had rain
and the wind hauled to W. stood on
port tack
- 9 Tuesday Lat 34° 16' S Long 172° 50' W
Blowing a gale from W stood on both tacks
- 11 Thursday Lat 33° 38' S Long 173° 20' W
Strong breeze from S W. with heavy swell
from S. lay on starboard tack
- 12 Friday Lat 34° 05' S. Long 172° 47' W
Strong S W wind heavy swell
lay in starboard tack
- 13 Saturday Lat 34° 28' S Long 172° 10' W
Fresh breeze from S W. stood on starboard
tack latter part steered S E by E
- 14 Sunday Lat 34° 55' S. Long 171° 25' W
First part strong breeze stood on starboard
tack. latter part moderate gale from W
steered off E by N

- October 15 Monday Lat 35° 37' S. Long 169° 50' W
Blowing a stiff gale from S W. with heavy squalls. during the night. lay to on port tack
- 16 Tuesday lat 34° 55' S. Long 170° 04' W
First part moderate gale lessening to a fresh breeze in latter part. lay on port tack first and middle parts latter part made sail on starboard tack and sighted a whale ship on weather bow standing to the westward supposed to be the Niger
- 17 Wednesday Lat 34° 35' S Long 170° 00' W
First part fresh breeze from S E middle and latter parts calm
- 18 Thursday. First and middle parts calm latter breezed up fresh from E stood on port tack
- 19 Friday Lat 35° 05' S Long 169° 32' W
Fresh breeze from N E fine weather stood on port tack. no signs of whales
- 20 Saturday Lat 35° 54' S. Long 168° 32' W
Fresh breeze from N E fine weather stood on the port tack. no signs of right whales. saw blackfish in the morning
- 21 Sunday Lat 31° 40' S. Long 167° 57' W
Strong breeze from N. stood on starboard tack
- 22 Monday Lat 35° 55' S. Long 169° 00' W
Continued strong norther with rain in latter part. saw ship Niger in the morning standing on the eastern tack. ship Milton on the western tack. saw two or three patches of feed

October 23	Tuesday. First part strong breeze from N ship in starboard tack middle and latter parts moderate gale ship on port tack. rain all day	
24	Wednesday First part strong gale from N continuing until midnight latter part fresh breeze from N. W	
25	Thursday Lat 35° 40' S. Long 169° 25' W Fresh breeze from N W stood on port tack. at 9 A M raised a right whale on weather, beam. lowered three boats	
[whale tail stamp]		
26	Friday Lat 35° 15' S, Long 169° 10' W First part moderate breeze from N W three boats chasing a right whale until dark no success. middle and latter parts light breeze	
27	Saturday Lat 35° 28' S. Long 169° 00' W Moderate breeze from W fine weather at 3 P M. raised right whales. two together lowered away three boats chased until dark could not fasten saw two whale ships. to the windward. saw another whale in the morning	(lowered but did not strike)
[whale tail stamp]		
28	Sunday Lat 35° 16' S. Long 168° 54' W Continued fine weather wind from W fresh stood on both tacks. saw a ship cutting in the forenoon.	
29	Monday Lat 35° 25' S Long 169° 08' W First part fresh breeze from S W hauling to S. before 5 P M. at 4 P M raised a right whale close aboard. lowered three boats whale going quick to S E got on board at dark. A 6 1/2 A M raised another whale going the same way lowered the boat and pulled after him the whale went out of sight ____ got on board at 9 A M latter part wind light from N E	
[whale tail stamp]		

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Oct	30	Tuesday Lat 35° 34' S. Long 165° 58' W Wind light from N E to N W stood stood on both tacks. raised a right whale at 11 1/2 A M
	31	Wednesday Lat 35° 33' S. Long 168° 51' W These 24 hours have had a moderate breeze from N W. chased a right whale in the first part until dark without success. at 6 A M raised another whale lowered three boats struck him to larboard boat got along side at 11 A M. saw the Alaska take a whale. ship Niger in sight. whales all seem to be traveling about evidently in search of feed. there is some here but not thick
[whale stamp]		
Nov	1	Thursday Lat 35° 38' S. Long 168° 36' W First part fresh breeze from N W cut in the whale before 5 P M. middle and latter parts light breeze from various points. with rain started try works but was obliged to cool down again
	2	Friday. Fresh breeze from W with some rain in first and middle parts. started boiling at 3 P M latter part fine weather with a fresh breeze
	3	Saturday Lat 35° 42' S. Long 168° 32' W First part light breeze from W lowered for two right whales at 5 P M without success. lowered again for two more at 7 1/2 A M struck both to larboard and waist boats, waist boat lost hers through cutting time got the other one along side at 11 A M strong breeze in latter part from N W
[whale tail stamp]		
[whale stamp]		

- Nov 5 Monday. Lat 35° 25' S. Long 168° 40' W
First part strong breeze from N W
cut in the whale latter part moderate
gale. started try works
- 6 Tuesday. First part blowing a gale from
W. cooled down the try works
latter part strong breeze from N W
started boiling again
- 7 Wednesday Lat 35° 26° S. Long 168° 56W
First part strong breeze from W
dying away at sundown. calm during
the night until towards morning
when it breezed up fresh from
S W. boiling all the 24 hours
- 8 Thursday Lat 35° 20' S. Long 168° 40' W
Fresh breezes from S W to N W
stood on both tacks. finished boiling
at 5 P M. latter part stowing down
fore hold port side
- 9 Friday Lat 35° 00' S Long 169° 00 W
Fresh breeze from N W. raised right
[whale tail stamp] whales on weather bow at 12 M
lowered three boats but the whales went
out of sight to windward got on board
at 5 P M. stowing down in latter part
of the day.
10. Saturday Lat 35° 20' S. Long 169° 30' W
Fresh breeze from N. finished stowing down
at 4 P M. no signs of whales to be seen
- 11 Sunday Lat 35° 38' S. Long 168° 27' W
First part strong breeze from
N. latter part moderate gale from
same quarter with rain. stood on
port tack

N.Z. Right whale ground

November 12,	Monday	
[whale stamp]	These 24 hours commenced with a moderate gale from N with rain middle part light breeze from N W without rain. latter part fresh breeze. at 5 1/2 A M raised four right whales. two separate pairs about two miles apart lowered three boats got one to waist boat got alongside at 10 A M.	
13	Tuesday Lat 36° 00' S Long 167° 10' Light wind from various points. with rain most of the time cut in the whale in first part finished at 6 1/2 P M	
14	Wednesday. First part fresh breeze from E with rain. middle part wind from S E squally. latter part from S. clear started tryworks at 8 A M	
15	Thursday Lat 35° 58' S. Long 167° 13' W First part strong breeze from S. dying away to a light breeze in latter part. at about 8 A M raised a right whale lowered three boats and chased without success got on board at 12 oclock	
[whale tail stamp]		
16	Friday. these 24 hours calm finished boiling at 7 P M	
17	Saturday Lat 35° 34° S. Long 167° 09' W Light breeze from N E. started stowing down at 5 A M. in after hold starboard side	
18	Sunday Lat 35° 25' S. Long 167° 19' W These 24 hours a fresh breeze from N E at 5 P M. lowered the boats for two right whales got one to larboard boat started cutting at. 5 A M. finished stowing down at 12 midnight finished cutting at 11 A M. saw two whales to windward. in	part latter
[whale tail stamp]		
[whale stamp]		

Nov	19	Monday Lat 36° 06' S. Long 167° 10' W Fresh breeze from N E. engaged boiling
	20 [whale stamp with number 20]	Tuesday Continued fresh breeze from N E lowered for whales ay 5 P M got another one to larboard boat got along side at 10 P M latter part cut in the whale
	21 [whale tail stamp]	Wednesday Lat 36° 10' S. Long 167° 48' W Continued fresh wind from N E. lowered for a whale at 2 P M without success. latter part saw a whale going to windward did not lower for him
	22	Thursday Lat 36° 10' S. Long 167° 57' W First part strong breeze from N middle part less wind with rain had to cool down the try works last part calm and clear. started try works
	23	Friday Strong breeze from S W finished boiling at 12 midnight. latter part started stowing down after hold starboard side
	24	Saturday First part string breeze from W breezed on. and hauled to N W in latter part stowing down all day
	25	Sunday blowing a strong gale from N to N W. ship hove to on port tack
	26	Monday. Blowing a moderate gale from N W. lay on port tack
	27	Tuesday Lat 35° 35' S. Long 166° 15' W Continued N W gale
	28	Wednesday Lat 36° 02' S. Long 166° 30' W First part moderate gale from N W latter part strong breeze ship on starboard tack. all hands scraping bone in latter part of the day

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- Nov 29 Thursday Lat 36° 38' S. Long 166° 30' W
Strong breeze from N W stood
on starboard tack
- 30 Friday Lat 37° 00' S. Long. 166° 45' W
Continued strong breeze from N W
ship on starboard tack
some rain in latter part
- Dec 2 Sunday Lat 38° 15' S. Long 167° 40' W
First part strong N W wind
middle part somewhat fresher
breeze with drizzle. latter moderate
gale from same point of compass
stood on the starboard tack saw
some feed in latter part of day
- 3 Monday Lat 38° 53' S. Long 168° 00' W
Strong breeze from W N W
stood on starboard tack
plenty of feed seen, but no whales
of any kind
- 4 Tuesday Lat 39° 37' S. Long 167° 54' W
Fresh breeze from W. stood on
starboard tack until 9 A M then
wore round to the north some fine
rain in squalls in latter part
- 5 Wednesday. Calm until 5 A M
when the wind came from N W
- 6 Thursday First part fresh breeze
from W hauling to S W at 4 P M
middle and latter parts half a gale
stood on port tack. saw feed
- 7 Friday Lat 39° 00' S Long 168° 49' W
First part strong breeze from S W
dying away to light airs in later
part. stood on the port tack
saw several finbacks

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Toward East Cape

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Dec	8	Saturday Lat 38° 35' S Long 169° 33' W Fresh breeze from W to N W stood on both tacks
	9	Sunday. Fresh breeze from N W fine weather stood on both tacks saw a few patches feed and a few finbacks
	10	Monday Lat 38° 20' S. Long 169° 55' W First part. fresh breeze from N W increasing to a half gale in latter part. stood on both tacks saw humpbacks. two of them
	14	Friday. Since last writing have had strong wind and gales from N W to S W working the ship to starboard. some feed and finbacks seen during this time
	15	Saturday First and middle parts strong breeze from W latter part strong gale lay on the port tack
	16	Sunday Blowing a strong from W with heavy squalls ship on port tack
	17	Monday. Lat 37° 40' S. Long 171° 20' W Strong breezes almost a gale from W stood on port tack
	18	Tuesday First and middle parts strong breeze from W. latter part light from S W. stood on the port tack
	19	Wednesday Lat 36° 08' S. Long 170° 54' W Strong breeze from W stood on they port tack
	20	Thursday. First part moderate gale from W middle and latter parts fresh breeze. stood port tack

- Dec 21 Friday Lat 35° 00' S. Long 172° 08' W
First part moderate breeze from S W
middle part calm. Latter part
fresh breeze from W. stood on
both tacks. For the last ten or twelve
days a little oil has been coming to
the pumps after breakfast. sent the
second mate down the hold to look
for the cask. found a small one in
the ground tier about a third out
did not think it best to break out
would have to move too much oil to
get it
- 22 Saturday. Fresh breeze from W
stood on starboard tack
Latter part washed ship inside with lye
saw a school of whales, supposed
they were sperm. got the boats
ready but they proved to be
finbacks . weather misty
- 23 Sunday. Light breezes from W
stood on both tacks
- 24 Monday Lat 35° 45' S. Long 173° 50' W
Light breeze from W N W. weather
fine during the day. foggy at night
stood on starboard tack
- 25 Tuesday Lat 36° 25' S. Long 174° 33' W
Moderate breeze from W N W. fine weather
stood on starboard tack
- 26 Wednesday Lat 37° 00' S. Long 175° 48' W
Light breeze from W S W stood on star-
board tack until 6 P M. after that on the
port.
- 27 Thursday Lat 36° 22' S Long 176° 25' W
Wind from S. took a hard squall
at 4 1/2 P M. took in everything down to
lower topsails. middle and latter parts
strong breeze. stood on port tack

- Dec 28 Friday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 177° 46' W
First part strong south wind dying away
to a calm at midnight at about 9 A M
a light breeze sprang up from N W
stood on port tack. latter part washed
the grass off the outside the ship
- 29 Lat. Lat 35° 55' S. Long 178° 10' W
First part light breeze from N W
latter part fresh from S.
stood on both tacks. in the forenoon
went down the fore hold to look at the
leaky oil cask. found it some what lowered
cut a hole in the bilge large enough
to put in a bailer, and bailed the oil out
- 30 Sunday Lat 36° 08' S. Long 178° 24' W
First part fresh breeze from S E. dying
away to a calm in middle part
saw gampuses.
- 31 Monday. Fine weather light winds from
N E to W. stood on both tacks
saw grampuses. latter part caught two
Albicores on a line towing astern
So ends the year 1888. The past year
we have taken 850 barrels sperm oil
and 400 whale oil 3500 lbs bone
Have seen sperm whales 15 times
right whales 18 times

- January 1 Tuesday Lat 36° 50' S Long 179° 22' W
Light airs from N W stood on both
tacks. saw grampuses
- 2 Wednesday Lat 37° 00' S. Long 179° 40' W
First and middle parts light
wind from W. latter part fresh
stood on both tacks. in the morning
commenced to wash whalebone
- 3 Thursday. Fresh breeze from W
stood on both tacks. all hands
washing bone
- 4 Friday Lat 37° 05' S. Long 179° 33' W
Continued fresh west wind.
smoky air. stood on both tacks
finished washing bone at 11 A M
- 5 Saturday. Fresh breeze from W to N W
stood on port tack
- 6 Sunday Lat 35° 55' S. Long 178° 27' W
Strong breeze from N N W. to W
fine rain during the night and forenoon
stood port tack until 6 1/2 P M
after that on the starboard
- 7 Monday Lat 36° 12' S. Long 178° 43' W
Continued fresh breeze from W
stood on the starboard tack
- 8 Tuesday Lat 37° 15' S. Long 179° 15' W
Fresh breeze from N W. stood on
both tacks. latter part wet hold
for the first time.
- 9 Wednesday Lat 37° 45' S. Long 179° 45' S.
Light breeze from N W to N E
fine weather stood on both tacks
under all sail

- Jan 10 Thursday Lat 37° 30' S. Long 179° 42' S.
Fresh breeze from N stood on both
tacks
- 11 Friday Lat 37° 35' S. Long 179° 05' W
[sketch of 3 masted ship] Fresh breeze from N. stood on port
tack. saw ship Niger in the afternoon
gamming with her in the forenoon 300
barrels right whale oil this season
- 12 Saturday. Fresh breeze from N W
stood on both tacks. gamming Niger
in first part.
- 13 Sunday. Continued fresh N W wind
stood on both tacks in company
with the Niger. at 7 A M. saw the Niger
[whale stamp] lower her boats. we lowered ours shortly
after. one of the N boats fastened to
a whale before our boats could get up
there. our boats chased off to the N E
after the school. struck one to waist
boat. he was inclined to use his jaw
the bow boat was badly stoven and
the waist boat had a small hole
punched through her bottom by a tooth
finished fluking the whale at 12 M
- 14 Monday Lat 38° 04' S. Long 179° 21' W
Calm weather started cutting at 12 1/2 P M
finished at 11 1/2 A M. saw the Niger
cutting
- 15 Tuesday. Light airs from various
points stood on both tacks.
In first part bailed
Case and started try works. cut into
a part of the junk, latter part fin-
ished cutting junk. ship Niger in sight
boiling

- 16 Wednesday Lat 37° 54' S. Long 179° 35' W
- 17 Thursday 37° 20' S. Long 179° 22' W
First part fresh breeze from E middle
part calm. latter part light breeze
from W. stood on both tacks in
company with the Niger finished
boiling at 9 A. M.
- 18 Friday Lat 37° 35' S. Long 179° 35' W
- 20 Sunday. Strong breezes from S to S E.
S in first part finished stowing
100 barrels oil in after hold. filled it,
and had about 15 barrels left
ship Niger in company stood on
both tacks
- 21 Monday Strong breeze from E
stood on both tacks in company
with the Niger. latter part stowed
15 barrels oil in fore hold. making
115 barrels the total yield of the whale
- 22 Tuesday Lat 36° 45' S. Long 178° 48'
Fresh breeze from E N E at 4 1/2 P M
raised sperm whales going north
[whale tail stamp] lowered three boats without success
saw one of the Niger boats. fasten
to a whale about one hour before sunset
saw the ship under all sail the next
morning so they must have lost the whale
- 23 Wednesday Lat 36° 08' S. Long 179° 18' W
Light E wind stood on both tacks in
[sketch of a 3 masted ship] company with ship Niger. latter part
gamming
- 24 Thursday First part light breeze
from E. middle and latter part
calm. took in starboard boats to mend

- Jan 26 Saturday. Strong breeze from N W
stood on both tacks. latter part gam-
[sketch of 3 ming with bark Alaska (direct from
masted ship] Chatham Islands) and ship Niger
Got a ton of potatoes from the A
Lat 36° 45' S. Long 179° 02' W
- 28 Monday Lat 37° 00' S. Long 178° 54' W
First part light breeze from N W
latter part fresh breeze. three whalers
in eight to windward. at 9 1/2 A M raised
a sperm whale on lee bow two miles
off going to leeward. lowered three
boats at 10 1/2 oclock
- 29 Tuesday Lat 37° 01'S. Long 179° 40' W
Fine weather. wind fresh from N W
[whale stamp] struck the whale at about 1 P M.
got alongside at 2 1/2 P M. started
cutting finished the body at the end
of the day. ship Niger and bark Petrel
in sight
- 30 Wednesday Lat 37° 27' S. Long 179° 33' W
Continued fine weather. wind fresh from
N. first part took in the head and bailed
case. started try works at 7 P M
- 31 Thursday. Lat 37° 30' S. Long 179° 23' W
Fresh breeze from N W stood on both
tacks boiling. ship Niger in company
- Feb 1 Friday. Light breeze. latter part calm
finished boiling at 12 midnight
- 2 Saturday Strong breeze from S E
stood on both tacks. started stowing
down in the morning. fore peak port
side. ship Niger in sight

Feb	3	Sunday These 24 hours blowing strong from E with some rain stood on starboard tack
	4	Monday. Blowing a strong gale from S E lay to on port tack. rained all day
	5	Tuesday. the same as yesterday
	6	Wednesday Lat 36° 35' S. Long 179° 46' E Blowing a strong gale from S E lay to on starboard tack. rainy.
	7	Thursday Lat 35° 55' S. Long 179° 50' W Continued gale from S S E rainy in squalls. ship on starboard tack
	8	Friday Lat 35° 38' S. Long 179° 14' W Strong breeze from S S E squally stood on starboard tack. in company with the Niger
	9	Saturday Lat 35° 32' S. Long 178° 28' W Fresh breeze from S. stood on both tacks latter part gamming with the Niger. took on board from her 21 bundles whalebone as freight to New Bedford
	10	Sunday. Light breeze from S hauling to W in latter part working the ship south
	11	Monday Lat 35° 55' S. Long 178° 16' W Light breeze from N W rainy in latter part stood on starboard tack. Niger in company
	13	Wednesday Lat 36° 12' S. Long 178° 04' W Strong breeze from S W

- Feb 14 Thursday Lat 35° 45' S. Long 178° 10' W
Strong breeze from S W hauling to S E
in latter part. stood on port tack
in company with Niger
- 15 Friday Lat 35° 35' S. Long 178° 31' W
Light breeze from E to N. latter part
steered off S by W in company with
the Niger. bundled bone in latter part
- 16 Saturday Lat 36° 00' S. Long 178° 45' W
Light breeze from N W first part
steered S S W. middle and latter
parts on starboard tack
- 17 Sunday Lat 36° 20' S Long 179° 37' W
Light breeze from N W. stood on
both tacks. in the morning
Capt and Mrs Chase came on board
from the Niger. Mrs Chase to go as
passenger to the Bay of Islands
- 18 Monday. Light breeze from N W
hauling to S in latter part steering
to the westward. parted company
with the Niger at 8 P M
- 19 Tuesday Lat 36° 40' S Long 178° 57' E
Strong breeze from S E. course N W
and N W 1/2 N
- 20 Wednesday Lat 34° 28' S. Long 176° 55' W
First part strong breeze from S E latter part
calm. course S W by W
- 21 Thursday Lat 35° 02' S. Long 175° 25' W
First part Light breeze from N W
middle part strong breeze from S.
latter calm. sighted land. Cape Brett
and vicinity at 6 1/2 P M. Cape B
bearing West latter part ship leeward
close under the land

- Feb 22 Friday. Light airs off the land ship off the mouth of the bay trying to work in with no success
- 23 Saturday. Took a breeze from N E at 12 M. came to anchor off Russell [anchor stamp] at 3 P M. sent all the sails down immediately. latter part washed ship outside
- April 9 Tuesday. Since last entry in journal the ship has been lying at anchor off Russell. Bay of Islands have been engaged in painting ship inside and out high and low rove off new running rigging where it was needed. bent new sails where necessary. the ship was ready fro sea on the 25th Monday but owing to waiting a week for the mail to arrive and the remainder of the time for a favorable opportunity to sail we have not got out at the present time. the weather as a general thing has been very fine, only two or three days being rainy. have had wind from all quarters. Ship Niger arrived in port on the 9th March.
- 10 Wednesday fine weather wind light from S E to N E. ship Niger sailed in the first part in tow of the steamer Clansmen. In latter part at 6 A M. we got under way with a light air from S E and tried to work out at about 9 A M the breeze came in from N E
- 11 Thursday. Fine weather wind from N N E to N N W. in first part ship off the Black Rocks with a light breeze blowing in at 3 P M gave it up and anchored inside the B, R. for the night at 6 A M got under way again and strived out of the bay with a fresh breeze from N N W

- April 12 Friday Fresh breeze from N to N W with
a head swell. course E BY N 1/2 N
lost sight of land at dusk distance 20 miles
- 13 Saturday Lat 35° 12' S. Long 177° 30' E
Continued fresh breeze from N W to W
and S W in latter part first part course
E. during day watch pumped ship[and
found considerable water in her evidently
a new leak. pumped one hour
could not find the leak latter part
changed course to N E by E
- 14 Lat 35° 30' S. Long 179° 50' W
Saturday Fresh breeze from S W to S.
courses N E by E and E. weather fine
anchored the ship had started a leak
- 14 Sunday Lat 34° 48' S. Long 177° 14
- 16 Tuesday Lat 35° 01' S. Long 173° 12' W
Strong breeze from S to S W course E
- 17 Wednesday Lat 35° 06' S. Long 169° 40' W
Strong breeze from S. course East.
- 18 Thursday Lat 35° 28' S. Long 166° 53' W
These 24 hours have had light baffling
wind from S E to S W. course E by S.
- 19 Friday Lat 35° 30' S. Long 165° 00' W
Strong breeze from S to W course E S E
- 20 Saturday Lat 36° 40' S. Long 162° 10' W
Strong wind from W N W course E S E
heavy southerly swell running
- 21 Sunday First part fresh breeze from W N W
latter part light from N W
- 22 Monday First part light breeze from N N W
breezing on to a stiff gale in latter part
course E S E hove to on port tack at 11 1/2
A M rainy

April	23	Tuesday First part strong gale from N with rain ship hove to on port tack middle part. strong breeze from N W steered off N E latter part strong breeze from W course N E
	24	Wednesday. Lat 40° 25' S. Long 153° 13' Strong breeze from W S W course N E
	25	Thursday Lat 39° 12' S. Long 150° 15' First and middle parts fresh breeze from S W. latter part light from S E. course N E.
	26	Friday. Light airs from E ship on starboard tack
	27	Saturday Lat 37° 28' S. Long 147° 47' W Light breeze from E stood on starboard tack
	28	Sunday L continued E wind rainy stood on both tacks
	29	Monday Strong breeze from N rainy weather stood on port tack
	30	Tuesday Light breeze from N to N E showery weather stood on port tack
May	1	Wednesday Fresh breeze from N stood on port tack
	2	Thursday Strong breeze from N W course N E
	3	Friday Lat 34° 55' S. Long 139° 38; W Strong breezes from N to W course N E 1/2 E
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May	7	Tuesday Lat 31° 55' S. Long 129° 23' W Moderate breeze from S W course N E by E
	8	Wednesday Lat 31° 04' S. Long 127° 26' W Light breeze from W S W course E N E
	9	Thursday Lat 30° 32' S. Long 125° 20' W Light breeze from W S W course E N E
	10	Friday Lat 30° 08 ' S. Long 123° 38' W Continued light breeze from S W to S E course E N E
	11	Saturday Light breeze from E. ship on the wind on starboard tack
	12	Sunday Lat 28° 15' S. Long 122° 28' W Light wind from N E to N. stood on starboard tack until 7 A M after that on the port tack
	13	Monday. Fresh breeze from N to SW squally weather. course N E by E
	14	Tuesday. Strong breeze from S to S E with rain the first four hours course N E by E
	15	Wednesday Strong S W wind course N E by E
	16	Thursday Lat 23° 40' S. Long 114° 36' W First part fresh breeze from S. W. middle and latter parts light baffling winds from S W to N E course N E by E
	17	Friday. Baffling winds from almost every where squally weather course N E 1/2 E
	18	Saturday Wind from S W to N N W. part of the time fresh. some squalls of rain Course N E 1/2 E

- May 19 Sunday Lat 21° 08' S. Long 109° 52' W
Light baffling wind from various
quarters course N E
- 20 Monday Lat 20° 25' S. Long 108° 32' W
Continued light weather middle part
calm the other parts of the day
light airs from all points course N E
- 24 Friday Lat 19° 28' S. Long 106° 56' W
Since last writing light baffling
airs have prevailed from N to E
scacely any progress has been
made. We ought to have taken
the trades before this but they have
appeared yet. to say this sort of
sailing is tedious is drawing it mild
We are trying to work to the north
- 25 Saturday Lat 18° 10' S. Long 107° 28'
Light baffling wind from N E to E
stood on starboard tack
- 26 Sunday Lat 17° 02' S. Long 107° 30' W
Fresher breeze still from N E to E.
stood on starboard tack close hauled
- 27 Monday Lat 15° 27' S. Long 107° 30' W
Moderate breeze from E N E to E S E
squally weather stood on starboard tack
- 28 Tuesday Lat 14° 06' S. Long 107° 02' W
Fresh breeze from E S E stood on starboard
tack
- 29 Wednesday Lat 12° 36' Long 106° 09' W
Fresh breeze baffling from E S E to E N E
stood on starboard tack. saw a
merchant ship at daylight. bound
north

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May	30	Thursday Lat 11° 20' S. Long 105° 00' W Continued baffling trades ship on starboard tack
	31	Friday Lat 10° 02' S. Long 104° 02' W
June	1	Saturday Lat 8° 28' S. Long 103° 10' W
	2	Sunday Lat 6° 55' S. Long 101° 52' W
	3	Monday Lat 5° 45' S. Long 100° 10' W Continued fresh trades. ship close hauled on starboard tack. nothing happening of any importance
	4	Tuesday Lat 4° 38' S. Long 99° 00' W
	9	Sunday Lat 1° 46' S. Long 93° 45' W We are having a very slow passage since last writing the wind has been light for the most part with one day like the last as regards interesting incident
[sketch of Islands]	12	Thursday Lat 08° 15' N Long 91° 55' W Since last writing the wind has been very light with a part of the time dead calm. sighted the Galapagos Island Tuesday at daylight. the islands are in sight now. saw a whaling bark on Tuesday cutting a whale saw her boiling the next day
	13	Friday Lat 08° 13' N Long 92° 11' W Calm weather. the ship drifting west with the current
	16	Sunday First and middle parts light airs from S E latter part fresh breeze. passed about 10 miles to windward of Wenman's Island in the fore noon there is a strong current running to N W

June	17	Monday Lat 1° 34' S. Long 91° 20' W First and middle parts light breeze and calm. latter part moderate breeze from S. lost sight of Wenman's Island in the A. M.
	19	Wednesday Lat 1° 39' S. Long 89° 25' W First and middle parts fresh breeze from S E to E S E stood on starboard tack. Close hauled
	20	Thursday Lat 2° 26' S. Long 87° 52' W First part light breeze middle and latter parts fresh ship on starboard tack under all sail
	21	Friday Lat 2° 30' S Long 86° 05' W Fresh breeze ship on the wind heading E to E S E
	22	Saturday Fresh breeze from S. stood on eastern tack. raised a school of sperm whales at 3 P M going N W Lowered three boats got one to waist boat got him along side at 8 P M latter part cut him in
[whale stamp]		
	23	Sunday Lat 2 ° 14' S. Long 83° 35' W Continued moderate breeze from S engaged boiling the whale ship under easy sail on eastern tack
	25	Tuesday Lat 1° 52' S. Long 81° 25' W Fresh breeze from S. to S W courses E by N and N by E
	26	Wednesday Lat 2° 25' S. Long 91° 35' W First and middle parts fresh breeze from W S W latter part light course N 1/2 W, rain with thunder and lightning during the night

- June 27 Thursday Lat 4 ° 05' S. Long 79° 18' W
Light breeze from W course N by W
- 28 Friday Lat 5° 08' S. Long 79° 11' W
moderate breezes from W to S
course N by W
- 29 Saturday Lat 6° 57' S. Long 79° 00' W
Light wind from various points
with showers of rain. sighted land
in the vicinity of Cape Garachine
the South American shore at daylight
- 30 Sunday. These 24 hours commenced with
a fresh breeze from W S W ship
on port tack stood on by the Perleu
Islands and during the night kept
the ship in position about 20 miles
S W of them. latter part ship becalmed
drifting to the westward with the current
- July 1 Monday These 24 hours have had
alternate calms and light breezes
[sketch of anchor] working the ship up the bay as fast
as possible
- 2 Tuesday. Ship at anchored east of
the A'm packet company's station in
eight fathoms water at 5 P M.
in the forenoon the Captain went on
shore at Panama on business
- 3 Wednesday. Wind from various
directions and light. in the forenoon
two captains from American steamers
lying here and the boss carpenter
of the ship yard came on board to
have a survey of the ship

- July 4 Thursday. Weather continues the same. nothing doing on board except sending down the sails in first part. in the latter part a note came off from the Captain saying he had received a telegram from the agents asking for full particulars and to wait for further orders
- 7 Sunday. Weather showery for the last 3 days. nothing doing on board. have received orders to commence breaking out cargo on Monday morning to be shipped to New Bedford
- 22 Monday. Since last writing the oil has been shipped to New Bedford by the Panama Railroad and the P M S S Co to New York to the amount of 540 barrels whale oil and 1235 barrels sperm oil the crew will be discharged tomorrow and forwarded to New Bedford The number of days work on oil is twelve, commencing with the morning of the eighth

April

On the 11th 1889 we got under way from the Bay of Islands bound to New Bedford. On the night of the 12th had a fresh breeze from N with an easterly swell course E by 1/2 N pumped ship the following day watch and found an hours pumping in her, which was something entirely new. she continued to leak about 2000 strokes a day on port tack in strong weather. after a week or two she made water on both tacks and before the wind which she had not done before. we made about an E course until the 20th of the month when we began to work S E for Cape Horn On the 23 d in about Lat 40° S. took a moderate gale from N. the ship made more water than she had done (and that without pressing her) and the Captain taking into consideration the age of the ship and her evident weakness concluded she was not fit to make the winter passage around Cape Horn so we bore away to the N E. and after talking over the matter concluded to go to Panama. We worked across with continual light winds the S E trades were a failure ranging from the E and some times north of E passed the Galapagos Islands on the 17th June after being in sight of them six days. ON the 29th sighted land near Cape Garachine and on the 1 st July dropped anchor in Panama bay about 1 mile East of the American Packet Company Station in eight fathoms of water. after a passage of 82 days. On the 22 d June took a 30 barrel sperm whale out of a large school

Signals at Main

Signal up at main. whales up

" half mast at main. whales between boat & ship

" up and down. boat heave to

Signal up at fore. boats come on board

" at fore and main boat fast. go to her

" at main and mizzen. boat stove, go to her

" at fore, main and mizzen, cut and come aboard

" at mizzen peak. nearest boat come to the ship

Head of speniker in and out whales astern of ship

Weather clew of mizzen topsail or top garnet up

whales on weather quarter

Weather clews at main up whales in weather beam

Weather clews forward. whales in weather bow

Lee clews up. when whales are off to leeward

Jib or Flying Jib down whales ahead

Jib or Fly Jibs up and down, go ahead as fast
as possible

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Letters received from

1886

April. 5.	Mrs L H Laurence	7
"	L H Laurence	1
"	F T Laurence	1
"	J Hamlin	2
"	G W Jones	1
"	Mrs Samuel Lawrence	1
Sept. 27.	Mrs L H Lawrence	5
	" D W Campbell	1
	" J Hamlin	1

1887

April 28	At Norfolk Island	
"	Mrs L H Lawrence	2
"	J Hamlin	1
May 12 Bay Island	Mrs L H Lawrence	6
" "	Mattie A Lawrence	2
" "	L H Lawrence	1
" "	G W Jones	1
" "	J. Hamlin	1

1888

Jan 19	At Norfolk Island.	Mrs L H Lawrence	1
Apr 27	" Russell	" " "	7
" "	" "	J Hamlen	1

1889

Feb 23	Mrs L H Lawrence	11
"	" D W Campbell	1

1885

Aug 7	to Mrs L H Lawrence	1
"	J Hamlin	1
Sept 3	Mrs L H Lawrence	1
"	G W Jones	1

1886

April	Mrs L H Lawrence	2
"	G W Jones	1
"	J Hamlin	1
"	L H Lawrence	1
"	F T Lawrence	1
Oct 7	Mrs L H Lawrence	1
" "	J Hamlin	1
" "	G W Jones	1
" "	A H Lawrence	1

1887

Mar 1	Mrs L H Lawrence	1
May	" " " "	1
June	" " " "	1
"	George W Jones	1
"	J Hamlin	1 photographer
Sept 12	Mrs L H Lawrence	1

1888

Jan 21	" " " "	1
May	" " " "	2
"	J Hamlin	1
June	F T Lawrence	1
Sept	Mrs L H Lawrence	1

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March		
"	G W Jones	1
"	J Hamlin	1
July 3	Mrs L H Lawrence	1
" 14	" " " "	1

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Date of raising		Whales			
Right	Sperm	Who raised them	How	Lat	Long
				N	W
1885	Sept 5th	Manuel Batista	Breaching	38°-30'	29°- 10'
	Oct. 6th	Joseph Chase	Spouting	5° -05'	20°- 50'
	" 7th	" "	"	4° -55'	20°- 49'
Nov 17th		Manuel Batista	"	36°-33'	25°- 25'
" 20th		John Pena	"	36°-10'	26°- 04'
" 21st		Manuel Silva	"	36°-19	
" 21st		Manuel Batasta	"	" "	
1886	June 3rd	Joaquin King	White water	28°-00'	175°- 30'
Oct. 17th		Manuel Silva	Spouting	35°-30'	172°- 08'
" 20		R J Connolly	"	36°-20'	170°- 40'
" 21		Manuel Viera	"	"	"
" 25		Manuel Silva	"	36°-30'	169°- 10'
" 26		John Pena	"	36°-25'	169°- 00
Nov 7			"	35°-50'	170°- 44'
" 8		John Pena	"	35°-48'	170°- 50
" 30		A Lawrence	bonnet.feeding	38°-40'	171°- 33'
Dec 1		Manuel Batista	Spouting	38°-53'	171°- 27'
" 2		Manuel Viera	"	39°-32'	171°- 37
1887	Dec. 29	Manuel Silva	"	37°-04'	179°- 00'
	Jan 13	Joseph Chase	"	37°-35'	179°- 18'
	Jan 10	Manuel Silva	"	37°-40'	179°- 12'
	Jan 12	Joseph Chase	"	37°-02'	179°- 00
	" 30	Albino Roderique	"	35°-30'	179°E.55'
	Ap 14	Jack Smoke	"	34°-17'	161°- 45'
	July 28	Manuel Rosa	Breaching	25°-50'	176°W46'
Oct 21		A Lawrence	Spouting	36°-06'	169°- 04'
" 29		A Lawrence	"	35°-35'	169°- 43'
" "		M Viera	"		
Nov 6		A Lawrence	Flukes	35°-35'	169°- 00
" "		M Viera	Spouting	" "	"
" 23		Wm Cook	Flukes	36°-46'	170°- 13'
	Dec 20	Wm Cook	Spouting	37°-10'	179°- 00
1888	Feb 9	R J Conley	Flukes		
	" 22	Josina Perez	Spouting	35°-48'	178°-50'W
	" 28	Joe King	"	36°-28'	179°- 20'
	" 29	" "	"	36°-40'	179°- 30'
	Mar 1	John Pena	"		
	" 13	Joe King	"	35°-40'	178°- 26
	" 17	Manuel Silva	"	36°-40'	178°- 05
	" 20	John Adams	White water	37°-00	177°- 46'
	Ap. 7	Joe Ring	" "	36°-10'	178°- 35'

Bbls Oil		Total		Lbs Bone	General remarks	211
R	S.	R	S			
	28				Going to the windward Going to windward did not lower These whales. one to each boat,L.W.&B.boats Accident to tiller	
56				625	To the bow boat Missed by Bow Boats boatstr	
					Did not lower	
40		96			Miltons mate in Larboard boat too late in the day too late	
45		141			Larboard boat	
38		179			Bow boat	
					missed by larboard boatstr	
100		279		1950	Bow boat	
	106		134		Larboard boat	
	145		279		Waist boat	
					Late in the day	
	65		344		Three whales.W.L.&B. boats	
	45		389		Bow boat	
80		359			Waist boat	
55		414		1250	Bow boat	
	60		449		Mated with ship Niger	
[sketch of arrow]						
	112		561		Waist Boat	
	50		611		Larboard boat	
					Did not lower the boats	
					" " " " "	
	98		709		Larboard boat	

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Date of raising

Right	Sperm	By whom raised	How first seen	Lat	Long
1888	Ap 8	Christian McCoy	Spouting	36°-13' S	178°- 44' W
	June 24	A Lawrence	"	25°-40'	176°- 33'
	" 25	W H Cook	"	25°-50'	176°- 33'
	July 6	Albine Roderigue	"	26°-00'	177°- 23'
	" 12	W H Cook	"	25°-28'	177°- 28'
	" 31	Jack Smoke	"	25°-13'	177°- 35'
	Aug 14	Joe King	White water	26°-18'	177°- 00' E
	Sept 21	Manuel Silva	Spouting	29°-20'	172° E
	" 27	Albino Roderigue	"	29°-55'	174°-40' E
Oct. 5		John Pena	"	33°-40'	174°-40' W
" 25				25°-18'	169°- 10'
" 27		A Lawrence	"	35°-28'	169° 00'
" "			"	" "	" "
" 29			"	35°-25'	169°-08'
" "			"	" "	" "
" 30		A. Lawrence	"	35°-33'	168°-51'
" "		Manuel Silva	"	" "	" "
Nov 3		M Viera	"	35°-42'	168°-32'
" "		ALbino Roderigue	"	" "	" "
" 9			"	35°-00'	169°-00'
" 12		Albino Roderigue	"	36°-00'	167°-10'
" 15		John Pena	"	35°-58'	167°-13'
" 18		Mr Viera	"	35°-25'	167°-19'
" "			"	" "	" "
" 20		John Pena	Breaching	36°-10'	167°-20'
" 21			Spouting	36°-10'	167°-48'
" "		All hands		" "	" "
1889					
	Jan. 13	Ship Niger	Spouting	38°-04'	179°-21'W
	" 22	Albino Roderigue	"	36°-45'	178°-48'W
	" 29	" "	"	37°-10'	179°-40'W
	June 22	Joe King	"	2°-00N	84°-00' W

Total number of times seeing Sperm
whales 34. 29 Lowerings

Total number of times seeing Right
whales 38

bbls oil		total		Bone lbs	General remarks
R	S	R	S		
	125		834		Larboard boat
	28		862		Larboard boat
	52		914		Bow Boat
	100		1014		L & W boats
	17				
	170		1201		L and B boats
	70		1271		L B & S B
	30		1301		B B

80					L B
80					L B
75					W B
82					L B
83				3550	L B
		814			
	115				W B
	110		1526		La Bo
	30		1556		W. B.

1885

		3 1/2 coils towline
		fore and main topsail halyards, 2 1/2 inch
Sept 21st		Two cutting pennant lashings 2 3/4 inch rope
		26 fathoms each 15 & 14 turns riding seizing. a little short for the full number of turns
Oct 14		maintop gallant halyards 2 inch rope
" "		jib " 2 1/2 " "
" 27		foretopsail " and sheet 2 1/2 inch
" "		" downhaul 1 3/4 "
" "		fore and main topsail downhauls 2 1/4 "
" 29		foretacks 3 inch rope. tucked back 2 fathoms
Nov 25		2 fluke ropes for boats. 20 fathoms, each, 2 3/4
Dec 24		fore sheets 3 inch rope, main braces. 3 inch
" 25		lower fore and main topsail braces. 3 inch
1886		
Jan 15		main top gallant brace 2 1/4 inch rope
" "		" " runner 3 " "
June 5		boats warpe, 3 of whale line 1 of 2 in cordage, 8 fathoms each
" 8		1 shot towline to replace line lost June 3 d
Dec 16		1 shot towline for waist boat's tub
1887		
Jan		2 shots line for bow boats tub
Feb 15		fore tacks the same as before
May 1		1 shot towline waist boats tub
" 8		fore brace 2 3/4 inch
June		fish tackle fall.
July 1		fluke rope for larboard boat. 20 fath 2 3/4 in
	5	boat falls 2 1/2 inch rope
	6	
	13	Main sheets 3 inch rope
Aug 12		fluke rope for waist boat to replace one lost, 2 3/4 in 20 fath
" 10		one shot whale line for bow boats small tub
Oct 5		two new falls for waist boat 2 1/2 inch
" 25		one shot whale line for larboard boat big tub
Nov 18		roping for jib 2 3/4 manilla cordage
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Feb 8		fluke rope for larboard noat 2 3/4 20 fathoms
" 16		small fourfold tackle fall. 2 1/2 in rope
Ap 1st		1 shot towline mates tub
" 18		fore tacks. same as before
June		warp for waist boat towline 8 fathoms

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June	1 shot towline bow boat big tub
"	roping for Spanker 2 1/2 in M rope

June 29	Cross Jack brace 2 1/4 in. rope
July 30	1 shot towline B B small tub